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## A tasty new outlook for revamped Pie Factory

TIPTON'S Pie Factory pub has reopened following a £30,000 revamp by its former owner.

But Pete Towler, who retained the Mad O'Rourke's pub brand, today ruled out the chance of returning to Dudley.

Mr Towler said he would not try to re-establish the brand name at its former branches in Camp Hill, Wordsley, and Himley Road, Lower Gornal. The news comes as he announced he planned to concentrate on building up business at the original Pie Factory in Tipton.

He promised the revamp work had not detracted anything from the pub's character, adding that its signature ale, Lumhammer, will now be brewed at the Enville Brewery.

Mr Towler, aged 51, from Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, bought the pub back from administrators PKF earlier this month under the name of P&S Pies Ltd, with his wife as director. All 15 jobs have been secured.



Celebrating 70 years of marriage – Ernest and Dorothy Billingham of Netherton

## Silver screen date lasts 70 years

A NETHERTON couple who were married during the Second World War are celebrating 70 years of wedded bliss.

Great-grandparents Ernest and Dorothy Billingham, who have lived in Morville Road for the past 40 years, first met in 1940, when Ernest approached Dorothy walking down the High Street.

Their first date took them to the Imperial Pictures, now Netherton Library.

After 14 months the couple were engaged and they wed just two months later, on March 15, 1941, at St Andrew's Church, Netherton, where 100 guests turned out to see them exchange their vows.

Eighty-nine-year-old Dorothy worked part time at the local laundrette in between looking after their only daughter Maureen and

their family home, while Ernest went out to work as a senior foreman at Birmid Qualcast in Smethwick, where after 42 years he received two long-service awards.

The couple who also have two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are keen travellers. They have toured all over the world since Ernest retired 30 years ago.

### Headlines

Ninety-year-old Ernest said: "Since the day we met we have never been apart and we have never really had any problems because we have always talked about things."

"Everybody argues but you have to learn to stick together and overcome the disagreements. We have both had a very good life and my

wife has definitely helped me stay strong.

"We don't have perfect health but I honestly couldn't ask for more, I feel 19 not 90."

"We carry on with life and keep ourselves to ourselves, look after one another – we don't need anyone else."

Twenty years ago the couple made headlines in The Chronicle for the first time, to mark their 50th wedding anniversary, before jetting off to spend three months in Hawaii.

Ten years later they celebrated with a cruise around the Caribbean and South America.

But this year the couple have decided to stay at home to reminisce the past seven decades and quietly celebrate their platinum milestone with their family.



Ernest and Dorothy on their wedding day

## Big boost for fledgling firms

A £6 MILLION centre offering short-term space for fledgling businesses is planned for Dudley.

Dudley Council hopes to secure funding for the Innovation and Enterprise Centre. It would enable small companies to work together and get advice from each other to help boost Dudley's economy, said cabinet member for regeneration Councillor Le Jones.

The council is working on a bid for £1.5million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) to help kick-start work on the scheme. It plans to attract a development partner to set up and manage the project, which is expected to cost around £6m. Councillor Jones said one of the possible sites discussed for the new centre was Castlegate.

## Tribute to Charlotte

A MOVING tribute was this week paid to a former Black Country schoolgirl to mark the 15th anniversary of her death in the Dunblane massacre. Five-year-old Charlotte Dunn was remembered in an assembly held at her former school, Cradley C of E Primary School, Halesowen. Charlotte was among 16 children killed by loner Thomas Hamilton who entered Dunblane Primary School on March 13, 1996 and opened fire. A teacher was also killed.

## Chair-obics class

A NEW gentle exercise class has been set up in Wordsley. Chair-obics will take place every Monday at Wordsley Parish Church Hall, High Street, from 2.30pm. Exercises can be done sitting or standing. For details call Lisa Dobby on 01384 631666.

ANGLERS were left furious after fish were taken from a Black Country canal basin to boost stocks in a reservoir in the Peak District.

British Waterways has netted the fish from Tividale Quays, telling fishermen they are being moved 70 miles away to Toddbrook reservoir where people are charged to fish.

Furious residents believe that it could have a devastating effect on wildlife in the area.

The netting took place last week on the Upper Birmingham canal, which runs through Oldbury and Tipton.

### Community

Fred Rich, aged 59, of Paganel Drive in Dudley, said: "We have seen them stunning the fish using electroplating, then taking them away."

"Fish from Toddbrook reservoir were put into the canal network in the Midlands when it was drained, but not into the section now being netted. It doesn't seem fair that they are taking our fish to replace them."

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make money by charging people to fish there. Apparently they have a licence to remove 9,000lb of fish."

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Pam Pestana from MJP Cancer Care promotes the MJP Musical Coffee Morning along with year 6 pupils at Cotwall End Primary School, Cotwall End Road, Dudley

## Music while you munch

PUPILS are polishing their vocal chords in preparation for a musical coffee morning.

Choir and orchestra members from Cotwall End Primary School, on Cotwall End Road, Sedgley, are hosting a morning of music, refreshments and fundraising.

About 20 youngsters will provide entertainment while a selection of homemade produce, stalls, tombola and raffles, will help raise cash for the MJP Cancer Care Trust Fund.

It takes place on Saturday, March 26 from 10am-12.30pm and entry is £1, which includes a hot drink.

Pam Pestana, one of the founders of MJP Cancer Care, said: "We are really looking forward to an entertaining morning listening to talented pupils, while enjoying a piece of homemade cake."

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## Campus marking 75 years

DUDLEY College will be celebrating the 75th birthday of its Broadway campus later this month, having opened the doors to its first students in March 1936.

To help celebrate, the college is appealing for ex-students and staff to share their stories about the time they spent there.

The college would also like to display old photographs at the event.

Anyone interested in sharing their stories and pictures of their time on the campus should contact Sharon Tipton on 01884 363549, or email events@dudleycol.ac.uk.

The deadline for contributions is tomorrow (Friday).

# Jobs saved after food firm is allowed to reopen doors

ALMOST 50 jobs have been saved at a Great Bridge food firm after it was allowed to reopen.

K&J Cooked Meats in Charles Street had been closed for 11 days following a dispute with Sandwell Council over regulations.

Since its closure the company, which employs 48 staff, says it has lost £85,000 in stock, wages and legal fees.

Owners had feared the premises could permanently shut if it lost customers during the closure.

However, bosses last week vowed jobs would be protected after production restarted. North Country Quality Foods Ltd bought the K&J Cooked Meats site in Great Bridge in December after the firm went into liquidation. The factory slices cooked meat

products manufactured in Salford. North Country bosses had thought they could continue running K&J Cooked Meats under permissions already secured at the site.

But the council said they did not have permission to trade and ordered any food produced to be seized and destroyed, effectively closing the site.

### Consultation

At a hearing at Warley Magistrates Court last week, District Judge Michael Wheeler ruled the food must be destroyed.

Mark Jackson, representing Sandwell Council, said the firm was classed as a new company and should have contacted the local authority to gain permission to trade. He said as a new company it did not have approval

to produce goods, was not allowed to apply retrospectively and food produced on the site had to be condemned as it did not meet food hygiene regulations.

Passing judgement, district Judge Mr Wheeler said: "It is clear to me that there is no piece of paper in existence which is, or purports to be, formal approval for the West Bromwich site."

"The council was available for consultation in those desperate times before Christmas last year."

"They could and should have been consulted at the earliest time."

However, following the hearing the council gave the company conditional approval to operate until its new licence arrives and the factory, which has been closed since February 24, reopened

# Area's house sales market still gloomy

INCREASING numbers of homes were sold in the West Midlands last month, but overall demand remains low, according to the latest figures from experts at the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Newly agreed sales, seen as a good indicator of the property market, saw a notable upturn in February.

Eleven per cent more of surveyors throughout the region reported a rise rather than a fall in activity, a significant improvement on the minus 14 per cent figure recorded in January and the first positive figure since September.

Overall prospects for house prices in the south of the UK appear far stronger than in the north and east.

But in the West Midlands house prices are still falling, with 45 per cent more surveyors

reporting a drop rather than a rise in February. The latest housing market survey from the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) also found demand for property in the West Midlands remained low in February, although it was still in the best shape since September last year.

It contrasts with sharp increases in demand in Scotland, London and the North East.

### Deposits

The RICS said buyer interest continued to be affected by the high deposits demanded by building societies and fears over rising interest rates.

Ben Hudson, RICS West Midlands spokesperson and director of Greenhill & Brownfield, said: "Despite the increase in sales across the West Midlands, the general mood is still rather downbeat."

# Museum joy as town's claim on engine upheld

THE 300th anniversary of the world's first successful steam engine will be officially celebrated next year in Dudley.

The influential Newcomen Society has "fully accepted" the theory that the 1712 Newcomen Engine was built in Dudley – rejecting a rival claim for Wolverhampton.

Dudley's claim will be celebrated at the Black Country Living Museum where a replica of the engine is on show.

A lecture by the television scientist, historian and presenter Adam Hart-Davis is scheduled for July 14, 2012 and other

events are planned. But a rival celebration to mark Wolverhampton's controversial claim may also be staged. The event at the Tipton Road museum vindicates John Allen, the 85-year-old former chairman of the Midland branch of the Newcomen Society.

His paper, which was published nearly 20 years ago, located the steam engine in Coneysgreave coalworks within sight of Dudley Castle itself.

But it is a blow for Suhail Rana, chairman of Wolverhampton Civic and Historical Society, who championed Wolverhampton's case in a rival paper published two years ago.

Mr Rana believes the first Newcomen engine stood in Wolverhampton, off the Wilenhall Road.

"In my view, the argument was quite a ridiculous thing," Mr Allen of Stourton said today. "I believe the Society has fully accepted the Dudley case."

Mr Rana said: "I am hoping to start the Wolverhampton Newcomen Engine Group soon to start looking at how we will be celebrating the event in Wolverhampton."

### Research

He said the issue should be settled at an open debate between him and Mr Allen at the Society, "so that members can judge which case is stronger."

The Black Country Living Museum has confirmed that it would be hosting the 2012 celebration. "For us as a museum, this is a really big thing," said the venue's director of collections, learning and research, David Eveleigh. He added that he was "absolutely" convinced over Dudley's claim to the 1712 engine.

manager of the Foxhnut, said: "We feel very honored to be named a gold supporter of Make-A-Wish because it is such a fantastic cause, making a real difference to children and young people across the country."

"Last year we helped Harvester raise £50,000 by encouraging our guests to make a £2 donation."

Make-A-Wish Foundation grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses.

## Prolific author is in print again

A DUDLEY author has written her way on to the shelves of a popular Stourbridge book store.

Viv Rimmer's collection of memoirs, entitled A Friendship Remembered, is now available at Books Unlimited, on Lower High Street, for £15.

The book traces Viv's 30 years travelling around the country researching locations and plot lines for Malcolm Saville. It is the latest release from the author who has produced more than 100 books.

## Restaurant proves it has golden touch

A RESTAURANT in Halesowen has been awarded a gold star from a national children's charity after helping to raise more than £150,000.

The Foxhnut Harvester, on Hagley Road West, received the accolade after they helped the family-run chain raise the cash over five years for the UK's Make-A-Wish Foundation.

A special certificate has been awarded to the charity to mark the achievement.

Matthew Turner,

## Charity shop gets a big facelift



Mary Stevens Hospice shop in Gornal Wood which has reopened following a refurb. From left are Councillor Anne Millward, shop manager Gemma Hemmings and Lisa Jones of Dudley Building Society

A CHARITY shop in Gornal held a coffee morning to celebrate the reopening, which was attended by Councillor Anne Millward.

### Fantastic

Shop manager Gemma Hemmings said customers had given the new look a great reception.

"It looks fantastic and it

does justice to the donations we get," she added.

Dudley Building Society also donated a cheque of £200 to the Stourbridge-based hospice.

This added to the £5,000 recently raised by their Save and Sponsor savings account, which helped fund the annual Tree of Light service.

## Cells fail to meet safety standard

VIRTUALLY every police cell in the West Midlands force failed safety tests, inspectors say.

Many of the older cells contained ligature points which detainees could use to harm themselves, a joint report by prison and force inspectors found.

And one custody suite in central Birmingham was "inherently unsafe", with restrictions imposed on the number of improvements that could be made due to its Grade II listed status.

"Virtually every cell surveyed across the estate failed to pass our safety examination – there were numerous ligature points and health and safety monitoring was inconsistent," the report said.

### Investment

Despite substantial investment, the 51 cells at Steelhouse Lane, Birmingham, were poor, with restrictions imposed by English Heritage preventing authorities from replacing cell doors.

"This custody suite was inherently unsafe," inspectors said.

Elsewhere across the West Midlands, many custody suites contained clinical and forensic equipment that was out of date.

West Midlands Police said inspectors "expect very high standards of safety in all cells and do not differentiate between old and new cells in terms of building design and safety standards".

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## Axe to fall on 42 staff in careers and skills

A TOTAL of 42 people in Sandwell's employment and skills department will lose their jobs after grants for deprived areas were pulled.

At a meeting last week it was confirmed that staff including careers advisers, tutors and trainers working with apprentices will go after Working Neighbourhoods Fund, European Social Fund and Department of Work and Pensions assistance was cut.

Councillor Ian Jones, cabinet member for jobs and economy at Sandwell Council, said: "Originally we feared up to 75 jobs would go so we are pleased we have been able to keep the figure down somewhat."



A computer-generated impression of the gym development

## Hi-tech gym a feature of £1m town college facelift

PROPOSALS for a new gym have been unveiled at Stourbridge College as part of a £1 million revamp.

A planning application has been lodged with Dudley Council to transform a courtyard and the old staff dining room.

It is hoped if the scheme gets the go-ahead it could be open by September this year.

Bosses at the Hagley Road college say the gym will provide space for weights, stretching and working out on gym equipment including treadmills, exercise bikes, cross-trainers and rowing machines.

The new facilities will be available for use by staff and students and is part of a wider ongoing investment in upgrading facilities to

improve learning facilities at the college.

The gym is part of a refurbishment programme which has included the recent redevelopment of the sports hall, refectory and the completion of a new job shop.

### Invest

Stourbridge College principal Lynette Cutting, said: "We have a variety of successful sports courses on offer and it's vital that students have access to a gym which includes changing and showering facilities."

"This investment will enhance the learning of our students, will add value in terms of healthy living and will contribute to our ever increasing success rates in this area."

She added: "While we were unable to completely upgrade our Hagley

Road Centre with a new building, we are still aiming to invest in our current facilities to the benefit of both staff and students."

The new Fitness Suite has been designed by architects, Pick Everard - the designers who are working on the £12m new college campus currently being built in Brierley Hill town centre.

A planning application for the gym at the Hagley Road site has been lodged with Dudley Council planners.

Work began in September of last year on the new creative industries campus, which will offer arts and digital-based courses.

When the campus opens in September, it will house up to 1,000 students.

## Council to dim lights project

A SCALED-DOWN scheme to upgrade street lights in Sandwell is to start within weeks.

Councillor Steve Eling, cabinet member for strategic resources, said the original £36 million scheme was "not affordable".

The revised project would cost "a few million", he said.

Energy saving bulbs will be installed and only the lamp post columns in the poorest condition will be replaced.

It will bring significant savings of about £1.25m for the local authority in the long run, Councillor Eling added.

### Deferred

"What some other areas have done is join into PFI contracts and have had every single street light in the area renewed... over a period of a year, a massive piece of work."

"Even the energy efficiency savings from electricity costs couldn't justify that level of expenditure over a relatively short period."

The opposition Conservative group leader, Councillor Ray Nock, says he is against the scheme at a time when the council faces making cuts of £75 million over the next four years.

"I am against the street lamp deal committing money when it could be deferred for at least another year, maybe two, and I think we ought to only be doing it on a replacement basis."

## Lenny's honour

DUDLEY-born Lenny Henry has chalked up another honour after being inducted into Wolverhampton Civic Hall's wall of fame.

The star's name now hangs behind the venue's stage alongside other Black Country big names including former Led Zeppelin drummer Jon Bonham, Slade frontman Noddy Holder and ex-Deep Purple bassist and vocalist Glenn Hughes.

The father-of-one received a giant plaque reading Lenny Henry CBE from Wolverhampton's mayor Councillor Malcolm Gwynnett during his induction.

Lenny, aged 52, said: "It's an honour."

## Spicing up Blind Dave's quest

A BLACKHEATH restaurant is backing charity runner Blind Dave's attempt to run and cycle almost 1,000 miles in a gruelling 10 days.

But Standard Cuisine's fundraiser promises to be a more sedate affair with diners breaking into a sweat only over a hot curry.

New part-owner of the restaurant in High Street Abdul Kahar is hoping to tempt regulars and their friends to join in a charity curry night on Sunday (March 20) to boost Dave's Macmillan Cancer Support initiative in August.

### Friend

Diners will be able to partake in a four-course meal for £10 and there will also be a raffle (£1 per ticket). All proceeds from the night will be donated to the appeal.

The blind marathon runner, who famously ran seven marathons on seven continents over seven days, said he decided on the challenge for "personal reasons". "I lost both my father and father-in-law, and then lost my last guide dog to cancer. Very recently its terrible consequences hit home again when it claimed the life of a long time friend of over 35 years," he said.

New part owner of Standard, Abdul Kahar, said: "I like working in the community but as a business owner I would like to adopt the same ethos."

Raffle prizes on offer include a one-month unlimited pass to Sandwell Leisure Trust gyms.

# Hotel's bid to expand is renewed

A £5 MILLION scheme to extend an historic hotel near Stourbridge has been resurrected months after being shelved in a row between its owners and English Heritage.

Revised proposals to create 23 new bedrooms, a conference suite and spa at Grade II-listed Dunsley Hall Hotel, Kinver, have now been submitted to South Staffordshire Council.

The improvements could create up to 170 new jobs in the area and owners Terrie and Wilf Beardsmore hope work will be completed by next year, if approval is granted.

They aim to create a five-star hotel in the region in time for the 2012 Olympics.

Mr and Mrs Beardsmore were forced to

rethink their original plans after English Heritage criticised a proposed extension to the main hall, which it said would be disproportionate to the existing building and out of keeping with its character.

An extension still forms part of the new scheme, but has now been redesigned to lessen its impact. It will comprise a part single, part two-storey link block connecting the main hall to a new conference block.

### Dilapidated

It will be arranged over three floors and a basement will be created to reduce the scale of the development and will include a cinema, function room and storage area.

The first floor accommodation, including seven additional bedrooms, will also be built into the roof of the extension - again lessening the scale of the proposed building.

Other plans include converting a stable block to create three luxury bedrooms and refurbishing glasshouses and potting sheds to create a spa.

Dilapidated garages will be demolished and replaced with an extension linking the stable block and spa.

Plans were submitted to the council on March 1, but a date when they will be discussed by the planning committee has yet to be decided.

Mr and Mrs Beardsmore were unavailable for comment on the scheme.

English Heritage said it not yet studied the new plans and had not been requested to do so by the council.

## Hospital pride as scanner unveiled

A NEW scanning suite has been unveiled at Sandwell Hospital.

The £2.2 million CT (computed tomography) scanner takes images of body tissue, has been opened by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust's chief operating officer, Richard Kirby, and the chair of Sandwell Hospital's League of Friends, Janet Dearn.

The suite aims to provide a higher quality of patient

experience and reduce the amount of time people are on the scanning table.

Consultant radiologist Dr Claire Keaney, said: "I can imagine it would be a very scary experience. We want to make it as comfy and relaxing for the patient as possible. Everyone is so immensely proud of how we have managed to achieve a much better CT suite."

The League of Friends has also donated £3,500 to buy a vein-finder.

## Attractions fly flag for tourism



Taking a trip on one of the Dudley canal boats are, from left, Mark Redfern, Ben Ferguson, Carol Turley, Fritz Flug, Nigel Jackson and the skipper Chris Round

BLACK Country attractions are flying the flag to raise the profile of the tourism industry in the region.

Dudley Canal Tunnel and Limestone Mines are among a number of sites in the region aiming to highlight British Tourism Week which ran from Saturday until March 20.

Council chiefs say Dudley's tourism industry generates millions of pounds as around 4.5 million visitors head to the borough each year for leisure and business purposes.

Staff at Dudley Canal Tunnel and Lime-

stone Mines welcome more than 850,000 visitors a year. The attraction is now working with the Heritage Lottery Fund to further develop the attraction at the Birmingham New Road site. Improvement proposals are also in the pipeline at Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Living Museum.

June Hodgetts, general manager at Dudley Canal Trust, said: "Many people think that tourism is when they go to the seaside or overseas on their summer holiday. But people also need to think about attractions closer to home."

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## 60p fare for Ring and Ride travellers

THOUSANDS of Ring and Ride users in the West Midlands will be hit with daily charges to help raise almost £1 million towards running the service, transport bosses have agreed.

The 60p single fare will be introduced from April to avoid around eight per cent of journeys being axed to cover a £930,000 cash shortage.

More than 30,000 elderly and disabled people use Ring and Ride across the region and a consultation process said 90 per cent would rather be charged than have fewer buses. Members of passenger transport authority Centro last week agreed to impose the fee for a year.

## Slashed

However, it will be reviewed after six months.

Ring and Ride started in 1983 and is operated by the West Midlands Special Needs Transport charity. It receives funding from the seven regional councils but due to budget cuts, financial support has been slashed.

If fares were not introduced it could have meant stopping one in 12 buses, axing the Sunday evening services, or reducing night trips.

Up to 40 jobs would also have been at risk at the charity. It has put forward £1.5m from its own reserves towards running Ring and Ride over the next 12 months.

## Musician's new album

STOURBRIDGE folk singer Ian Parker is releasing his live acoustic album soon.

Recorded during a gig at The Globe in Cardiff, 'The Bare Bones' consists of 11 songs, including four previously unrecorded tracks.

The album is officially released on March 21, but anyone wishing to pre-order the album can save themselves the postage and packing and pay just £10.

Parker moulded his acoustic talents at the Robin Hood Club in Dudley over a decade ago, and after spending the last two years playing solo acoustic shows he has finally decided to release an acoustic album.

He said: "I felt very relaxed once I got on stage, and I'm very happy with how it turned out."

The album can be pre-ordered from [www.ianparker-music.com](http://www.ianparker-music.com)



Charity target - Julie Davies with son Joshua in Halesowen

## Mum Julie stepping out to say big thank you to hospital staff

A HALESOWEN health shop worker is on a mission to raise more than £1,000 for the hospital staff who saved her son from meningitis.

Julie Davies, who works at the Holland and Barrett shop, in the Cornbow Centre, will be joining son Joshua for the annual BRMB Walkathon, on Sunday, May 8.

Dad, Stewart, and three-year-old sister, Jessica, will also be taking part in the seven-mile family fundraiser.

Eight-year-old Joshua, of Rubery, was rushed into Birmingham's Children's Hospital three days before Christmas, last year, where he spent three

days in the intensive care unit and a further 11 days on the ward.

He has now been back at school for four weeks but is still undergoing tests to find out the cause of a blood clot which he developed whilst in hospital.

## Grateful

Julie said: "We are so thankful that he has come out of this ordeal almost unscathed."

"Before he went into hospital he had a various symptoms which were extremely worrying to witness and without the help and efficiency of the staff at the hospital he wouldn't be here today."

"We can't express how grate-

ful we are for their hard work and dedication."

"Doing the BRMB walkathon is our way of giving something back to the staff. We wanted to do more than just say thank you."

The family have already raised more than £700 through donations from Joshua's school, Holywell Primary, in Rubery, and the Halesowen branch of Holland and Barrett.

They are now hopeful they will smash their £1,000 target and are urging for people to continue showing their support.

Julie said: "We have received an overwhelming amount of money so far but we are eager to keep encouraging people to

sponsor us and through their generosity help Joshua say a very big thank you."

"The money that we raise will go to help with the improvement of the children's ward and its facilities. It's the very least we can do to support such a deserving team."

## Mascot

Joshua also won the chance to become a mascot at the Birmingham City v Arsenal game, at Wembley, last month, after he was entered into a competition by his father. Birmingham City football club are avid supporters of the Meningitis Trust after goalkeeper Colin Doyle almost lost his son to the disease.

## Parking fears on route for buses

CARS are being parked on a blind bend, causing a risk to other vehicles including buses on a main road in Dudley.

Motorists are flouting parking laws by leaving their cars on double yellow lines in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, while they visit shops in the area, it is claimed.

Because of the bend in the road, oncoming traffic is unable to see the cars until the last moment, leaving drivers little time to react.

It is also near a bus stop and a number of "near misses" between the parked cars and buses has been reported.

## Drivers

Dudley Council and police have already taken action by issuing tickets to illegally-parked cars.

And the council has even provided a small car park on the opposite side of the road. But drivers are continuing to flout the restrictions and leave cars where they pose a risk, it is claimed.

Councillor Doreen Ameson said it was a matter of time before there was a serious accident.

She added: "We desperately need these thoughtless motorists to think about what they are doing. This is on a bus route and there is a stop nearby."

## JB's price is slashed

THE selling price of former Black Country rock club JB's has been slashed by £25,000 to encourage buyers to come forward.

The venue, in Castle Hill, Dudley, was put on the market for £350,000 after going into administration in October but estate agency Fleurets has revealed that the price has been cut to £325,000.

Administrator John Travers last week confirmed the price cut, blaming the recession.

## Vase lectures

GLASS and waterways expert Graham Fisher MBE is taking bookings for his new illustrated lectures on The Portland Vase and Other Cameo Glass. The author is the official ambassador for Dudley's Broadfield House Glass Museum.

## Land train to link canal trust, zoo and museum

A LAND train will ferry visitors between three Black Country tourist attractions under new plans.

It will transport people from a new car park shared by Dudley Zoo, the Black Country Living Museum and Dudley Canal Trust.

It is part of the £2million Transforming Dudley project and a bid for funding has been submitted to the Government's Regional Growth Fund. Zoo board chairman Councillor David Sparks said members were hopeful of securing the cash

for the scheme, which would see the creation of a joint visitor entrance.

"This project will see the car park extended and the former freight line site redeveloped to create a combined entrance point."

"The three attractions are going to be linked by land train - a train made up of a tractor type vehicle and wagons. It will make it a lot easier for people to move between the three sites because at the moment they have to go to three separate car parks."

"It is all about encouraging more people to visit and making sure they visit all three attractions rather than just one or two," he said.

The new land train would be similar to the one which transports visitors within the zoo and castle grounds, added Councillor Sparks.

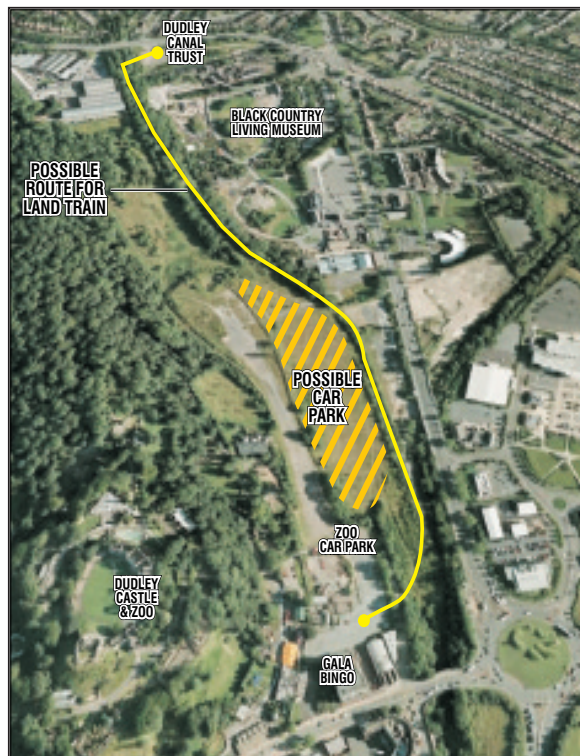
The exact route for the land train has not been decided but it could follow a route across land which leads from Dudley Zoo car park to the back of the museum before crossing a bridge near the canal trust boarding point.

## Tickets

The disused former railway track has been earmarked for an extension to the Midland Metro.

There are also plans for a new link road which would run from near the Trading Post premises in Castle Hill to the back of the museum in nearby Tipton Road.

It follows plans to introduce joint tickets for the attractions to help double visitor numbers and bring in millions of pounds in extra revenue. The initiative would allow people to buy one ticket covering a set number of days, valid for entry to the three sites.



An aerial view of a possible route for the planned new land train for visitors



The Dudley Zoo land train will serve new car park

## Annual race plans

THE second annual Wombourne Half Marathon is likely to take place on June 5 this year, it has been announced.

South Staffordshire Council's leisure services manager Tony Ward also confirmed that the fundraiser will start from outside Wombourne Leisure Centre on the day.

He said the date was provisional at the moment but

organisers are confident it will be confirmed once negotiations with police have been completed.

He said: "It has not been signed off. The organisers need to speak with police to get agreement on road closures but we understand it will be June 5."

Organisers have been working to secure a date for the event for several weeks.

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## Warning on numbers for schools over homes plan

SCHOOLS in a village near Stourbridge are "bursting at the seams" and could not cope with the hundreds of extra children who would flood into the area if plans to build at least 219 homes on local farmland go ahead, it is claimed.

The Worcestershire Association of School Governors is objecting to the designation of a 54-acre site off the A456 Kidderminster to Birmingham Road for potential housing and commercial development. The land is between Western Road, Hagley, and the island at the junction of the A456 with the A491.

Villagers in Hagley and Clent, near Stourbridge, last month launched a campaign aimed at squashing plans for housing and commercial development, contained in Bromsgrove District Council's "Core Strategy".

Bromsgrove Council is consulting the public about the strategy, which includes proposals to build a total of 4,000 dwellings in the district between now and 2021.

At least 219 of those could be built on the land off the A456 and A491, which straddles Hagley and Clent.

### Shopping

Malcolm Richards, chairman of Worcestershire Association of School Governors, said: "Schools in Hagley are bursting at the seams and Haybridge High School, which serves five primary schools in surrounding villages could not fit a single more pupil in."

"If 220 more houses were built in the area, they would produce possibly 300 to 400 more children of various ages and we would need a new school – but there is no money to build one."

Members of the Hagley and Clent Campaign Group, set up by Hagley and Clent Parish Councils and local residents to fight the proposals, will on Saturday be talking to people in Worcester Road, in the main village shopping area.

A "drop-in" session was held on Saturday at Hagley Parish Council's offices in Worcester Road.

Hagley Parish Council chairman Steve Colella, who is also a district councillor, said: "Building this many homes would put pressure on local amenities and social services – without the investment to meet that need."

"Schools, doctors and the rest of our local services are all at their capacity and we can't take any more."

## Order placed on DVD men

TWO men who broke into a Tipton scrap metal yard were sentenced to a 12-month community order after only stealing an adult DVD.

Warley Magistrates Court heard last week that Paul Andrew Sedgewick, aged 18 of Grace Road, Tipton, and 23-year-old Michael David Wesson of Jason Road, Stourbridge were seen acting suspiciously around Metal Micky's in Bradley's Lane, Tipton on February 6.

Maxine Jarrouse, prosecuting, said that at around 11.30pm the two men were seen by the yard's owner via CCTV entering the premises through the fence.

She said they spent

around 10 minutes looking around the yard.

Sedgewick and Wesson were seen examining metal on the site which had been covered in anti theft paint and entering the site office.

When the police arrived they found both men had traces of the paint on them and they also found a pair of wire cutters at the scene.

Miss Jarrouse said: "They were found to have only taken a single adult DVD." She added: "Although this was a metal yard these men did not steal any metal."

Magistrates sentenced the two men to a 12 month community order, with supervision. Court costs were waived due to their financial circumstances.

## Brushing up on studio is step forward for dancers

CHILDREN at a Tipton primary school returned from their half-term break to a new-look dance studio, thanks to employees from a food distribution firm.

Seven employees from Darlaston's Blakemore Food Service worked hard throughout the holiday redecorating the dance studio at Glebefields Primary School in Sandgate Road.

The dance studio forms an integral part of school life and is used for PE lessons, assemblies, hymn practice and after-school clubs.

Kate Charles, a teacher at Glebefields, said: "We have worked with Blakemore on projects around road safety but this is the first time they have worked on school premises."

## Family in plea to former workmates of tragic dad

THE family of a Black Country electrician who died from an asbestos-related cancer have launched an appeal for information to help with a bid for compensation.

Grandfather Victor Wood from Brierley Hill, who worked at Birmingham carriage makers Metro Cammell, died in February 2009.

The 79-year-old had been diagnosed with mesothelioma, an aggressive cancer which can be caused by exposure to asbestos, two months earlier.

Now his family hopes that his former colleagues who worked with him at the firm may be able to provide vital

information to help with their legal battle.

Mr Wood, who had been married for 57 years to his wife Joan also left behind three sons, three daughters and eleven grandchildren.

### Powder

It is believed that the keen sports fan, who for much of his working life lived in Tividale, came into contact with lethal asbestos fibres while working at Metro Cammell, in Washwood Heath. Mr Wood's son, Paul, said: "The diagnosis of mesothelioma was a huge shock and his death has left a terrible hole in all our lives. He and mum had been looking forward to celebrating

their 60th anniversary together in April 2012."

"It's shocking to think that his death may be a result of being exposed to asbestos at work."

Hayley Hill, of Irwin Mitchell Solicitors, said: "We do know from a number of previous successful claims we have brought against this particular company that, during the time Victor worked there, Metro Cammell used blue asbestos to insulate carriages."

"Asbestos powder was mixed in a large drum and workers also removed bits of dried lagging so that they could install fixtures."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Hayley Hill on 0870 1500 100 or by email to: hayley.hill@irwinmitchell.com

## Starbucks' cafe jobs attract 200 applicants

TWO hundred people applied for just nine jobs at a new coffee shop due to open next month at a Dudley hotel.

The Village Hotel had such interest in jobs at its Starbucks outlet it held interviews over two days.

Potential workers, including graduates, were interviewed in groups of 15.

"We had a huge response to our adverts and, although we weren't surprised, given the current economic climate, that so many applied, we were very pleased with the calibre of them," said Darryl Holdnall, manager of Village Hotel Dudley.

The team has now been appointed.

# Op delay patient calls for apology over 'sham'



Furious – Richard Wyman recovering

"I hope that the chief executive puts herself in my shoes and thinks what outcome she'd expect,"

A MAN is threatening Dudley's Russells Hall hospital with legal action after his operation was cancelled four times at the last minute.

Richard Wyman, aged 32, says he endured a "complete farce" as he waited nine months for the procedure on a ruptured bicep tendon.

On four occasions he turned up at the hospital only to be told the operation could not go ahead – sometimes being made to wait hours before he could leave.

It was finally carried out on February 2 but Mr Wyman says he is "disgusted" with the way he was treated. Mr Wyman, a technician for National Grid, has written to the hospital's chief executive Paula Clarke demanding an apology and compensation.

Dudley Group of Hospitals cancelled 319 procedures between October and December last year, the highest number in the region.

Almost 300 operations were called off in December and January alone at Russells Hall because of a surge in winter emergen-

cies. Mr Wyman said: "This shows the utter sham that my experience with the hospital has been."

"I expect some sort of compensation for all the stress and trouble the hospital has caused."

"And before making any decisions I hope the chief executive puts herself in my shoes and thinks what outcome she would expect if this had happened to herself or a member of her family."

Mr Wyman suffered the injury at work in May last year when he was stretching for equipment in the back of his van.

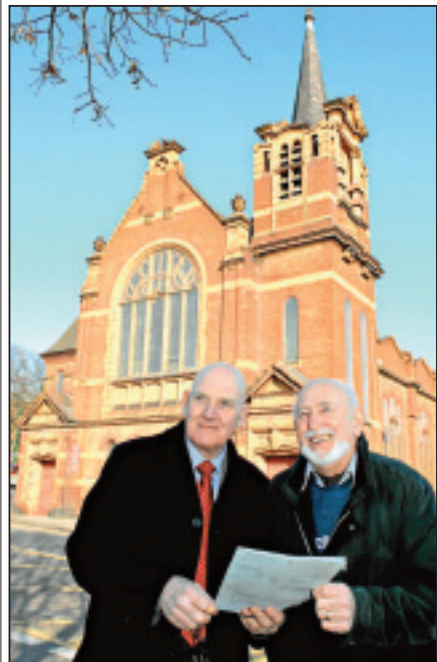
### Investigate

He was left unable to lift objects with his right arm as it has no strength since the injury.

Hospital chief executive Ms Clarke said: "We are very sorry that on this occasion the patient felt they did not have a good experience of our service."

"We would ask them to contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service so that we can thoroughly investigate the issues they have raised and learn from their experiences."

## Church seeking £200,000 grant



Hoping for English Heritage funding – project manager Gordon Roberts, left, and church leader Albert Billingham at Cradley Heath Baptist Church in Corngreaves Road

THE congregation of a Grade II-listed church in Cradley Heath has applied for £200,000 worth of English Heritage funding.

The Cradley Heath Baptist Church fundraising committee has applied for the funding to do high level restoration work on the building. This includes work to the roof, including new trusses and restoration of its original masonry.

Project manager Gordon Roberts said: "We need to bring this Edwardian building into the 21st century, and the work needs to be done as carefully and sympathetically as we can."

Mr Roberts is hoping to find out if their application has been successful at the end of the month and work would take a year to complete.

On March 26 the Knowle Male Voice Choir will be holding a concert at the church to help with efforts to raise funds.

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### They'll be crying in The Public

SANDWELL'S answer to the King of Rock 'n' Roll will be getting All Shook Up for a charity fundraiser next week.

The borough's council leader, Councillor Darren Cooper, will be donning his Blue Suede Shoes as he performs Elvis hits in aid of the Mayor's charity.

Councillor Cooper, a long-standing Presley fan, will be joined by council staff and friends for the show at The Public, in West Bromwich, on

Saturday, March 26, at 7pm. The variety show at the New Street arts centre will feature singers, dancers and comedians.

All money raised will go to the Alzheimer's Society and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Councillor Cooper said: "I have been practising a few numbers and I will be performing them in true Elvis style."

For tickets, priced £6, call 0121 533 7139 or 0121 569 3041.

# Jobs bonanza in £30m motor export contract



Julian Turner, Baroness Sayeeda Warsi and (back left to right) chairman Frank Turner, technical director Paul Faithfull and Dudley South MP Chris Kelly

A DUDLEY sports car manufacturer is aiming to more than double its workforce after signing a £30 million-a-year international deal.

Westfield Sportscars Ltd, based in Kingswinford, will be recruiting between 35 and 50 new staff over the next year after sealing a deal with Malaysian company DRB-HICOM. The announcement was made during a visit by Baroness Sayeeda Warsi.

The baroness, co-chairman of the Conservative Party and Minister without Portfolio, was given a tour of the Westfield workshop including the chance to see prototypes of new cars - among them the world's first electric sports car.

"Westfield Sportscars is a great example of a company which is rooted in the local community, but is looking to trade worldwide," the minister said.

## Development

"What this Government is interested in is not only getting out of the way of development by reducing the amount of bureaucracy, but by supporting businesses in such a way that sends a message out to the rest of the world that Britain makes some fantastic products."

Westfield managing director Julian Turner, aged 33, told the minister that the Malaysian deal would be a huge boost to the company.

He said the visit by Baroness Warsi had been very positive.

"It's always great to be able to show someone around and show them what it is we do, as well as raise any concerns," he added.

"The deal with the Malaysian firm will add around £30m a year to our turnover."

"This will in turn pass on to our suppliers, 80 per cent of which are also in the West Midlands. It will be a real boost to the local economy."

Currently, 35 people are employed at the car maker's base in the Gibbons Industrial Park in Dudley Road, Kingswinford.

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# Bus stops street party for William



Campaigning for a royal wedding street party in The Portway, Kingswinford, are residents, rear, from left, John Edmunds, Matthew Walters and Sean Bielecki. At the front are Antoinette Denston, left and Kay Baker

THE brakes have been put on plans for a street party to celebrate the royal wedding because it would disrupt a bus service in Dudley.

Disappointed families are now urging the council to make a U-turn on the decision. They say celebrations planned in The Portway, Kingswinford, to mark the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton have been left in tatters. More than 30 residents asked for the road to be closed for a few hundred yards between the Stream Road and Cranham Drive junctions for the party on Friday, April 29.

But Dudley Council has refused on the grounds that it would disrupt a bus service on the route.

An offer had already been made to install a soft play area for children free of charge for the event and one resident planned to bake a mini wedding cake.

Families said they had contacted National Express West Midlands and said the area they wanted to close off did not include a bus stop.

## Diversion

Portway pub licensee Kay Baker, who was helping to organise the party, said: "We have already checked about the buses. In the past there has been a short diversion - literally a right turn along another street - put in place," she said. "Plans for the party have been very popular in the community."

"Meetings to plan it have been held here at the pub and the room has been packed."

Dudley Council's cabinet member for transport Councillor Angus Adams said: "It is a route for emergency services vehicles and buses."

"It has been recommended to the landlady that the pub's substantial car park might be considered for the event."

## New life for old industrial estate

MULTI-million pound plans to transform a vandal-plagued industrial estate at Blackheath into 250 homes and businesses will be submitted to council chiefs in the summer.

Developer PXP West Midlands aims to transform the 22-acre Excelsior Trading Estate, in Cakemore Road, into houses and industrial units.

In 1928, the site became the home of Associated Electrical Industries, and it was bought by the General Electric Company in 1967.

## Caravans

But in recent years the site has become a magnet for vandals. In 2009 two thieves were suffocated by carbon dioxide in a bungled raid at the former Fontana nuts and bolts factory when they triggered a fire alarm system in an electricity sub-station.

Travellers moved on to the estate in caravans later the same year.

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# Lifeline for cafe comes at price

A DUDLEY cafe threatened with closure looks likely to survive after its owner agreed to pay thousands of pounds towards road improvements in the town.

The French Connection Baguette House in High Street was told it needed permission as a cafe if it continued to serve cooked meals.

Businessman Mustafa Ulukus has been running a sandwich shop in the town centre for 12 years but moved to High Street two years ago. He was told he needed a different planning permission to run the business as a cafe.

Mr Ulukus submitted a retrospective planning application for change of use in November 2009.

## Application

But it was rejected by the council because he would not pay an original demand for £8,000, which was later reduced to £3,372. He branded the demands as greedy and unfair.

But he was told he had four months to comply with the order as a condition of planning permission or face being closed down. He said he has now agreed to pay the £3,372 and hopes the change of use for his cafe will be given the go-ahead by the council.

Dudley Council spokesman Chris Howes said: "We have advised the owner he needs to resubmit an application for a change of use and settle the planning contribution."

## In shape for summer

KEEP fit sessions are on offer at a church in Rowley Regis for those looking to get in shape ready for the summer. St Giles Church Hall, in Hawes Lane, stages the event, which runs every Thursday from 9.30am to 10.30am.

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## Couple's toast to gold romance



Sam and Sandra Lockley, of Coseley, toast their golden wedding anniversary

A LOVING couple from Coseley are celebrating 50 years of marriage by returning to the seaside resort they visited on honeymoon.

Sam and Sandra Lockley married on March 4, 1961, at St Mary's in Sedgley after dating for three years.

Now, 50 years on, they are returning to their honeymoon destination of Newquay to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs Lockley, aged 69, said: "We had planned to have two bridesmaids and two pageboys but a couple of days before the wedding my mother, who was making the dresses, revealed 10 bridesmaids' outfits, all modelled by the local neighbouring girls. It was such a wonderful surprise."

The couple, from Pointon Close, have two children, Jane, 48 and Andrew, 44, as well as five grandchildren.

Former painter and decorator Mr Lockley, now 71, said the secret to a happy marriage was a "great deal of luck and patience".



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## BUSINESS



Managing director Nigel Elliott, right, with son and sales director Matt



Warehouse manager Jason Belcher at work

# Firm fastening to success to survive the hard times

FOR a quarter of a century NE Fasteners has been one of the Black Country's bedrock engineering companies, playing a vital role in the manufacturing supply chain.

It supplies a huge range of woodscrews, wall plugs, washers, sockets and furniture fixings to companies across the UK and into Europe, with more than 4,000 products on its books.

Last year it celebrated its 25th year after Nigel Elliott started the business from his garage in 1985, surviving several recessions and bouncing back with a record sales year, new products and several new staff members.

General manager Martin Hawkins said: "We now employ eight people and, while

demand is erratic at the moment, we achieved turnover of just under £1 million last year and expect to break that barrier this year.

"One of our big successes has been in packs and kits of parts, sometimes with special finishes, for flat-pack furniture manufacturers and TV stands.

### Plastics

"We are making sure we supply a range of different industries, so we always have something to fall back on if one starts to slow down."

The company, based on the Waterfall Lane Trading Estate in Cradley Heath, has also made a point of a flexible approach, working with its manufacturing customers to adapt its products and packaging to

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After a quarter of a century, Nigel Elliott is still very much at the helm, working closely with his son and fellow director Matt.

The company's name came from his decision to use his initials NE as a play on the words "for any fastener requirement".

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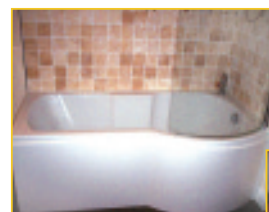
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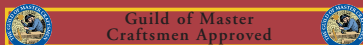


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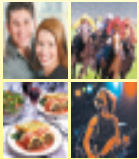
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## Raiders return to former depot of tiles firm



Fire crews outside the gutted Roman Mosaics in Bloomfield Road, Tipton

A TIPTON warehouse has been targeted by arsonists for the second time in months.

Firefighters were called to the derelict building formerly used by Roman Mosaics, a ceramic tile firm, last week.

A blaze gutted the roof of the Bloomfield Road site, damaging timbers inside and leaving the building at risk of collapse.

Six fire engines were dispatched to tackle the flames, which took more than two hours to extinguish. Tipton Crew Com-

mander Andy Bailey said: "The roof was 100 per cent affected and collapsed, there was no-one inside fortunately."

Bloomfield Road was closed from Brown Lion Street to Hipkins Street, as fire crews checked for hotspots. Fire officers said the gable end wall would need to be demolished to prevent the factory collapsing. Building consultants from Sandwell Council were also on site.

Nearby residents and traders said it was the latest in a series of vandal attacks at the site, including metal thieves taking

copper piping from the factory and arsonists setting it alight six months ago.

Grandfather Jeffrey Whittle, a retired window cleaner who has lived in Bloomfield Road for more than 50 years, said: "That factory's been hit before. They took all the copper piping out about 12 months ago, and there was a fire there about six months ago."

John Payton, owner of Straits Construction Ltd, in Bloomfield Road, said his firm had also been raided.

"We've been hit twice this year," he said.

## Cab driver jailed

Revival for boat event

A TAXI driver has been jailed for four years after deliberately mowing down a customer in a Halesowen street in a row over a fare.

Lee Griffin's left leg was shattered when the Honda Accord cab with Khalil Aziz at the wheel smashed into him.

The injury was one of the worst of its kind seen by the orthopaedic consultant who dealt with the case, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Mr Griffin had a double metal plate put in the leg and will never make a full recovery.

Moments before, he had slammed the car door and made

an obscene hand gesture after an "unpleasant argument" over the cost of his journey from a Birmingham city centre club to Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, near his home, the court heard.

Mr Griffin heard the engine of the taxi being revved up as he ran away after leaving £10 in the cab and he was struck in nearby Queen Street, said Mr John Dunston, prosecuting.

### Provocation

Father-of-five Aziz, aged 44, of Hobmoor Croft, Yardley, Birmingham, had been remanded for reports after earlier being convicted by a jury of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and

dangerous driving in the incident on August 16, 2009.

Miss Elizabeth Power, defending Aziz, said: "He is a hard-working man who acted impulsively after provocation."

Judge Martin Walsh said: "The victim suffered one of the worst injuries of its kind seen by the consultant and there are likely to be lifelong problems."

"There was a genuine dispute in which both believed you were in the right. It became heated and there was an extent of provocation."

"I accept this was a spontaneous act in the heat of the moment that was completely out of character."

THE Coombeswood Canal Trust is reviving its Open Weekend after an absence of a year.

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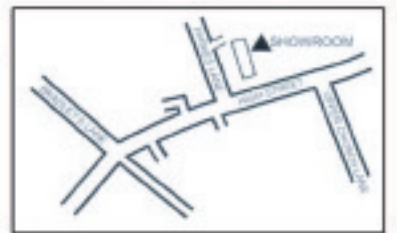
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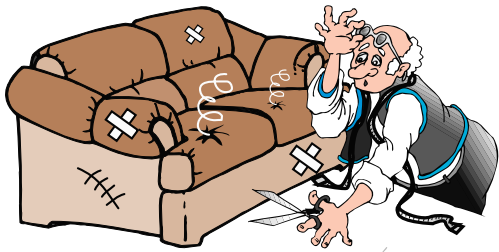
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# 'Code red for danger' idea from dog owner

## Children dig in for tree-planting

PUPILS from two Halesowen schools joined green-fingered residents to take part in a tree planting ceremony.

Children from Colley Lane Primary and Cradley CofE Primary planted six trees at Homer Hill Park, Cradley.

They were joined by the Friends of Homer Hill Park to help carry out the planting.

It is hoped the new additions to the site will add year round colour and interest to the park.

The friends' group organised the planting morning to encourage children and young people to visit the park and help take care of it. The friends also hope it will encourage pupils to see how the trees have grown and to get involved in their park.

Primary schools in the area have worked on previous environmental projects with the friends group to help children understand the importance of green spots.

Members of the Friends of Homer Hill Park say anyone interested or attending a meeting will be very welcome.

For details email [friends@homerhillpark@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friends@homerhillpark@hotmail.co.uk) or phone Val Bloomer on 01384 635969.



Jessica Hill, 11, from Colley Lane Primary, and Jack Taylor, aged nine, of Cradley CofE Primary, planting with Councillor Richard Body, chairman of the Friends of Homer Hill Park



David Daly with his dog Chip and the new warning system he has designed

A NEW "traffic light" warning system alerting people to dangerous dogs has been launched by a Midland animal lover after witnessing dogs trying to attack his daughters.

David Daly, aged 39, said his two young daughters – aged 10 and eight – had been snapped at numerous times while trying to pet strange animals. With help from Wolverhampton Business Link, Mr Daly has patented a design on an "animal behaviour sleeve" fitted over a normal lead, coloured red for "danger", amber for "caution" and green for "safe" and friendly.

### Understand

"My daughters go up to any strange dog, thinking they will be as friendly as ours – they've been raised around dogs and don't understand some just aren't," said Mr Daly, of Swindon, near Dudley.

"It's things like that which made me think that there must be something that could pre-warn children."

Mr Daly, who runs the tea shop at Baggeridge Country Park, near Sedgley, has invested around £4,000 in the venture and the first major batch of the sleeves – which also include a pouch for treats and doggy bags – is currently being made by Wolverhampton's LS Manufacturing.

They will be sold for £9.95 from the tea shop, website [www.gizapaw.co.uk](http://www.gizapaw.co.uk) and his eBay account.

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### Doreen's story

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Dentist eventually referred me to Mr Burchell to see if there was some way of making my plates fit properly. The difference now is a world apart. My plates fit perfectly, look like my real teeth and I can live life impulsively once again. Before, if I was going to a restaurant, I would have to use a fixative to secure my teeth. That was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using

the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now I can tackle anything. Previously, I had never been in contact with an actual denture-maker, teeth had always been prescribed through a dentist and the difference for me was incredible. There were five stages on the route to my final prescription and the treatment I received at every point was excellent. My teeth were well worth the money – what price can you put on being able to eat normally and socialise without embarrassment?

My confidence is back and Mr Burchell did everything he said he would: That my teeth would fit, I would be able to chew properly and they'd look real, totally natural. To sum up, there's nothing I have attempted to eat, which I have not been able to.



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If you're not getting as much rest as you need, try following these simple tips to help yourself to get a better night's sleep.

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Deal with worries or a heavy workload by making lists of things to be tackled the next day.

Take more exercise. Regular, moderate exercise such as swimming or walking can help relieve the day's stresses and strains. But not too close to bedtime or it may keep you awake!

Cut down on stimulants such as caffeine in tea or coffee - especially in the evening. They interfere with falling asleep and prevent deep sleep. Have a hot milky drink or herbal tea instead.

Don't over-indulge. Too much food or alcohol, especially late at night, just before bedtime, can play havoc with sleep patterns. Alcohol may help you

fall asleep initially, but will interrupt your sleep later on in the night.

Don't smoke. Yes, it's bad for sleep, too: smokers take longer to fall asleep, wake more often and often experience more sleep disruption.

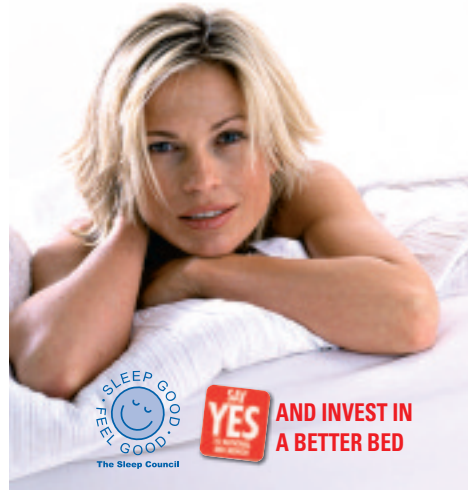
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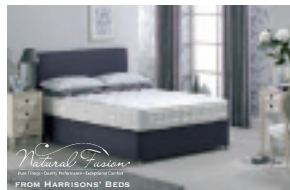


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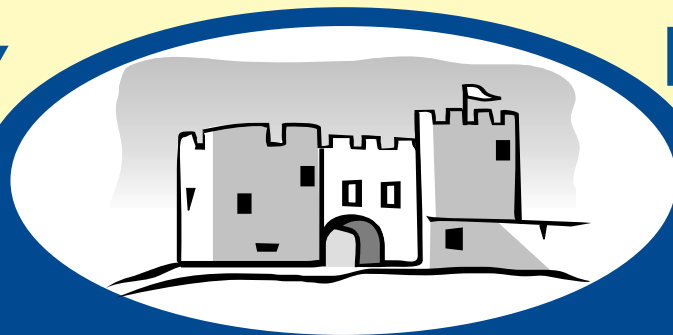
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# Council tenants' £1.2m rent debt

## Seaside art's so bracing



Dudley Council's tourism assistant Nicola Havers with an SS Broadfield ring lifebuoy which is part of the British seaside exhibition at Broadfield House

THE great British seaside is the theme for the latest exhibition at a Black Country museum.

Staff at Broadfield House Glass Museum, in Kingswinford, have been busy preparing for the exhibition, which runs until September 4.

Nautical artwork, glass jewellery and award-winning sculptures will be part of the display at the museum in

Compton Drive. Artist Graham Muir is displaying his piece called Tropical Waveform during the seven-month exhibition after it won Best of the Best at the Art in Action festival in Oxford last year.

His blown glass sculpture depicts a curved breaking wave.

The Beside the Seaside exhibition includes glass, ceramics, jewellery, enamels, textiles, paintings and prints, all for sale.

COUNCIL house tenants in Dudley owe more than £1.2 million in unpaid rent, new figures reveal.

Housing bosses at the council want to reduce the amount of debt by helping residents who are struggling to pay their bills.

Following the introduction of specialist teams tasked with slashing the amount of money owed, the authority has been able to claw back £307,199 since April 2009, but the total amount of rent arrears still stands at £1,245,856. The council is introducing evening phone sessions to make it easier to contact tenants.

The authority is also taking payments directly over the phone when making repayment agreements.

Former council tenants have paid back £339,488 after being sent reminder letters.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for adult, community and housing services, Councillor David Simms, said: "The teams have risen to the challenge and at the end of December 2010 had reduced the level of current rent arrears to £1,245,856 which represents a reduction of £307,199 since April 2009.

### Fortnightly

"In addition, the specialist income management teams have collected £339,488 from former tenant debt."

Earlier this month, the council approved a rent increase averaging 6.7 per cent for tenants.

It was the biggest increase in almost a decade for the 24,000 council homes. The move is expected to bring in £5.2m. Dudley Council will be allowed to keep only £1.4m, the rest going to the Government.

The amount of rent arrears represents 1.7 per cent of the total income from rent.

Councillor Simms added: "We have 7,599 accounts which show a balance of more than £0.01. However, only 2,247 accounts have more than two weeks' average rent outstanding.

"It must also be noted that people pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly, including direct debit payers, and these figures will include tenants in the middle of a payment cycle."

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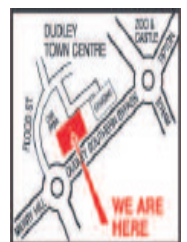
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# Rail users fight to lift axe on ticket offices

## Round-up of stray horses in vain

THREE stray horses rounded up by a member of the public were roaming the streets again within hours after being freed from a makeshift enclosure.

Housewife Gill Sellick spotted the horses in Coseley last week and knew she had to get them to safety. Using bread she had in her car to tempt them, she was able to lead them to a disused pub car park in Caddick Street. But despite calls to the police, council, RSPCA and a horse sanctuary, they were roaming the streets again within hours.

She said Dudley Council told her they couldn't help, police said their hands were tied, and the RSPCA who eventually came out, couldn't find the horses.

Mrs Sellick, aged 52, of Norton Crescent, Coseley, said it was a disgrace that nothing was being done. A Dudley Council spokesman said: "We can reassure residents that extensive work is going on behind the scenes and we have been working closely with the police to deal with strays."



Gill Sellick with horses she found roaming in Caddick Street

STOURBRIDGE rail passengers are spearheading a protest against plans to close or reduce hours at station ticket offices in the area.

London Midland is proposing to shut the ticket office at Stourbridge Town from late afternoons, and at nearby Lye the ticket office is earmarked to be closed completely. London Midland is changing hours at a 87 ticket offices, cutting 122 jobs. Passengers will have to use self-service machines instead as the company looks to remove staff completely from nine stations and drastically reduce numbers at others.

Rob Hebron of the Stourbridge Line User Group (SLUG), which supports users of the Birmingham to Worcester Railway, said: "At a time when train usage is increasing and people should be encouraged to use public transport, London Midland is discouraging passengers.

### Efficient

"Face to face contact with staff not only assists the enquiring traveller but it reassures he or she that they are personally secure at a station."

Mr Hebron added: "Lye is not a remote village station - it is in a highly-populated area. It deserves a new station building, not a basic shelter, and the only people to gain will be fare dodgers.

The group wants passengers to protest to the company or to write to their MP.

Alex Hynes, commercial director for London Midland, said: "We have looked carefully at how our ticket offices are being used and we now want to ensure that they are even more efficient and meet more closely the needs of our passengers."

"London Midland will be taking action to ensure that our high standards of customer service will not be compromised."

## Staff in nightwear raise £500 for Have a Heart campaign

PYJAMA-wearing employees at Sandwell Homes have raised more than £500 for Have a Heart.

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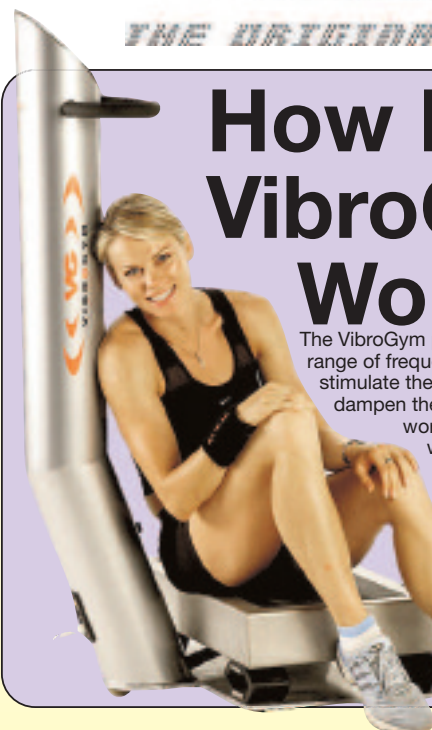
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I was invited along to try out the VibroGym by Bal Dhillon of Energie Fitness for Women in Dudley.

Bal proceeded to talk me through the benefits of using the VibroGym before I initially stood on the plate. I questioned if I was ok getting on the machine in my work clothes and Bal assured me that it was ok. The whole point of the Vibrogym is so as you can use it when you have 20 minutes spare, so is ideal for use on your way home from a day at the office. To my delight Bal also told me it helps relieve stress after a busy day at work.

My first sensation as I stood on the plate was a subtle vibration running through my leg, this was just to get me used to the sensation.

I then proceeded to do my warm up, first my hamstrings then my calves followed by my quads each with a 30 second vibration.

I then was taken through a session which included me doing some squats, press ups positions, following upper body work using straps attached to the side of the VibroGym. After around 10 minutes I then proceeded to warm down.

My overall sensation when finishing my routine was a feeling of wellbeing and my complexion was rosy, but yet I never broke into a sweat or felt tired.

After my session I carried on as usual with the rest of my day. The next day I could feel in my muscles as though I had done a workout. Personally I know I will be a regular at Energie Fitness for Women using the VibroGym.

**Sharon Mason, Express & Star**

### Testimonials from VibroGym Users

**Sara Carrigan, Olympic Gold Medallist, Road Cycling**

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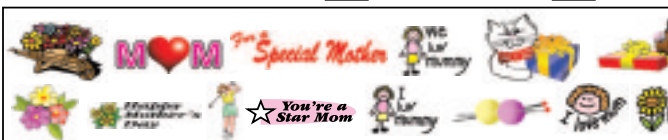

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THE WAY I SEE IT

# Immigration – major reforms will bring down the numbers

ONE of the most important jobs I perform as the MP for Dudley South is taking part in the Remembrance Sunday parade.

Like the vast majority of British people I was therefore absolutely disgusted with the leniency of the £50 fine handed down recently to Muslim extremist, Emdadur Choudhury of Spitalfields, East London, for offences under the Public Order Act.

You will no doubt have seen news reports of Choudhury, a member of Muslims Against Crusades (MAC), burning poppies at a "protest" on Armistice Day last year.

Video footage of the incident was shown to the court. In it, a member of the MAC could be heard to say "the two minutes have started" before leading a series of anti-British chants.

Freedom of expression is not unlimited. In his ruling, District Judge Howard Riddle said: "The two-minute chanting, when others were observing a silence, followed by a burning of the symbol of remembrance was a calculated and deliberate insult to the dead and those who mourn or remember them."

He added that against that background, the actions were "bound to be seen as insulting." When looking at such cases, it is understandable to feel in a tolerant society we should be making a stronger statement against such behaviour.

You may have read that Migration Watch published a report last month entitled Mass Immigration: Labour's Enduring Legacy to Britain, which suggested that some three million immigrants arrived under Labour while one million Britons emigrated.

This report exposes how Labour utterly failed on immigration. As the Shadow Chancellor, Ed Balls, has admitted, Labour "brushed immigration under the carpet".

Unlimited migration has placed unacceptable pressure on our public services. That is why we are carrying out major reform of the system. We have already introduced an annual limit to the number of economic visas from outside the UK

**Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter**



regulatory burdens. Here in the Dudley borough we know just what enterprise zones can achieve as the Brierley Hill area benefited massively from regeneration which simply wouldn't have happened but for the actions of the last Conservative Government of the '80s and '90s.

Others measures already taken by this Government to boost the economy include the creation of a Regional Growth Fund of £1.4 billion that will stimulate growth and provide sustainable private sector jobs – particularly in places currently too reliant on the public sector.

Last Friday I met with Peter Suddock, chief executive of Dudley Zoo Group and received an update on our local RGF bid which is progressing well.

The New Enterprise Allowance will help unemployed people in the Black Country who want to start their own business.

### Mentoring

It will be available to people who have been claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for more than six months, provide access to business mentoring and offer financial support of up to around £2,000, including a 26-week allowance and access to a start-up loan.

Thanks to Labour's legacy we are having to spend £120 million every day on debt interest alone. In 2010-11, debt interest payments will be £42.7 billion. This is money that could be spent on public services. The debt interest payment this year is equivalent to the cost of 17 Aircraft Carriers, 40 Type 45 destroyers, 33 Astute class submarines, 616 Typhoon jets, 42,700 MRI scanners, 1.3 million nurses, 1 million teachers, 1 million prison places or 350,000 doctors.

### Rescue

Unlike the last government this one is committed to controlling immigration. We want to reduce net migration from the hundreds of thousands down to the tens of thousands a year.

At the same time we are continuing our rescue mission on our economy – dealing with the huge deficit we inherited was the single most important step towards recovery and growth.

Those who oppose our plan – principally the two Eds (Miliband and Balls) – need to offer their own alternative or accept that they have zero credibility in the eyes of the public. When I'm in the Chamber of the House of Commons watching

Prime Minister's Questions I often feel that the two Eds don't live in the same world as the rest of us and that neither really has an understanding of what's important in areas like ours here in the Black Country.

It doesn't help that both are champion deficit deniers in complete denial about the disastrous consequences of their former Government's tax and spend policies.

In contrast our agenda is clear. We'll strive to be the most pro-growth Government in living memory. Over the next few months we will drive forward a programme with one purpose – creating jobs.

As the Prime Minister, David Cameron, said recently "we are taking on the enemies of enterprise".

The Budget in a few weeks' time will, as the PM has said, "tear down the barriers of enterprise and be the most pro-growth Budget this government, this country has seen for a generation."

Good news in this month's Budget will include the creation of new Enterprise Zones.

Chancellor George Osborne explained recently that the new Enterprise Zones will be centres for new businesses with lower tax rates and reduced

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# Lazy drivers causing hazard with parking

## School of rock recording

**"We need thoughtless motorists to think first"**



Pete Taylor, back left, of The Dribblers, in the studio with Cara Gavillet, of The Kittens, Martyn Kilvert, pupil Emily Cottrill, 15, digital arts technician Martyn Calvert and pupil Esther Turner, 15

A RECORDING studio has been being launched at a Halesowen school for musicians to cut their own tracks and shoot videos.

Elastik Katz studio at Leasowes Business and Enterprise College features a £34,000 mixing desk, keyboard, drums and guitars as well as a performance room, and will be available for use by the whole community.

School spokesman Chris Norton said: "It is a professional studio and performance room for those who want to come and make

music." People can also use the studio, which has been funded by donations from local firms and musicians, to make singing greeting cards.

### Technology

To encourage more girls into music technology the Kent Road school is starting an initiative called Kitten Club to introduce girls to studio work.

And plans for a music venue linked to the studio where gigs will be staged, are also being drawn up on the door.

CARS are being parked on a blind bend, causing a risk to buses and other vehicles on a main road in Dudley, it is claimed.

Motorists are flouting parking laws by leaving their cars on double yellow lines in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, while they visit shops in the area.

Because of the bend in the road, oncoming drivers are unable to see the cars until the last moment, leaving little time to react.

It is also near a bus stop and a number of near misses by buses have been reported.

Dudley Council and West Midlands Police have already taken action by issuing tickets to illegally-parked vehicles and the council has provided a small car park on the opposite side of the road.

But drivers are continuing

to flout the restrictions and leave cars where they pose a risk, it is claimed.

Councillor Doreen Ameson said it was a matter of time before there was a serious accident.

"It is not the fault of businesses in the area but those using them."

"Police and the council have already looked into this problem and we have even gone to the trouble of creating a place where a few cars can park."

### Distance

Councillor Ameson added: "Nothing seems to be having an effect and the cars are continuing to park on the bend."

"People seem to be unwilling to walk a slightly longer distance even though it would be safer."

"We desperately need these thoughtless motorists to think first about what they are doing."

"This is on a bus route and there is a stop nearby."

"It is a blind corner and bus drivers cannot see these cars until it is almost too late. There have been a few near misses which is why we are trying to resolve this issue," Councillor Ameson said.

Cabinet member for transport on Dudley Council, Councillor Angus Adams, said: "The council is aware of the problem in Clarence Street and some action has already been taken."

"We will be looking at what else can be done to stop this problem."

## Petrol station 7am opening rejected

AN application to extend the opening hours of a petrol station in Wombourne has been rejected by councillors.

The Co-op forecourt, in School Road wanted to open at 7am instead of 8am, but South Staffordshire Council planning committee rejected the proposal.

Members were told that there were concerns it would increase disturbance to residents living opposite.



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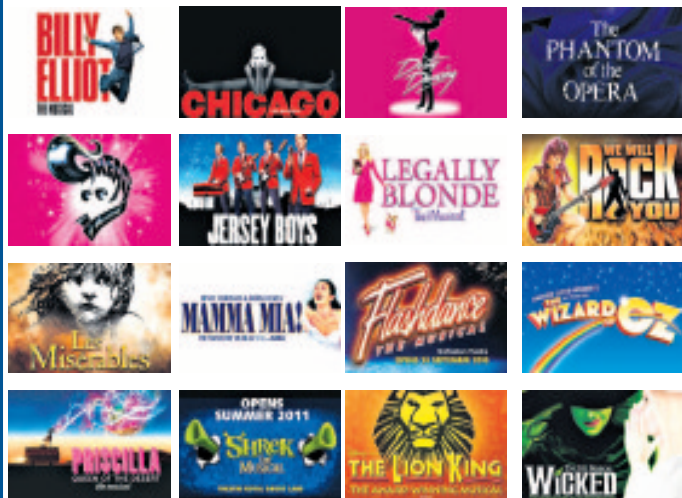
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# Campaigners to lose their favourite views



The doomed Coombs Wood Sports and Social Club

These paths have been walked for many years

WALKERS and birdwatchers have lost their fight to prevent the closure of a popular footpath at a Dudley beauty spot.

Government inspectors have ruled that the path at Coombeswood Green Wedge, Halesowen, can be shut.

The move is to enable a new cricket club to be built and another path will be diverted. The plans are part of a development by St Modwen to build a new cricket ground for Coombs Wood Sports and Social Club in Stewarts Road. Seventy new homes will be built at the existing club in Coombs Road.

More than 50 objections were lodged by residents who said the paths had been walked for more than 30 years.

They said "magnificent views" would be lost, but planning inspector Paul Dignan said comparable views would still be available nearby.

Councillor Jeff Hill, who had backed the campaign to save the

paths, said: "I am very disappointed. These paths have been walked by people for many years."

Campaigner and dog groomer Sue Yeadon, of Greenhill Road, Halesowen, said: "I was disappointed but not surprised by the planning inspector's decision."

Mr Dignan's written decision notice approving the footpath closure and diversion orders, which follows a public inquiry in January, said: "The orders would entail some disadvantage to the public. The most notable would be less convenient access to the extensive parts of the Coombeswood Green Wedge."

## Acceptable

"The Wedge would still have a significant network of footpaths."

"The development which the orders would enable has been considered acceptable by the council and carries with it benefits to the public as users of the facilities."

Mr Dignan added that the disadvantage of closing the path did not outweigh the benefits.

## Sandpit cash boost



Staff and volunteers from the Prince's Trust with Brierley Hill firefighters and youngsters Greg Adams, aged four, Evie Gregory, five and Haydon Bagnall, four

FIREFIGHTERS and volunteers from the Prince's Trust have raised £300 for a Dudley primary school to have a new sandpit built.

The sum was raised during a car wash at Brierley Hill station. It will go towards installing the pit at St Mary's Primary School in Queen Street, Kingswinford.

Youngsters who use the Prince's Trust services, such as rehabilitated offenders and teenagers in care, helped out at the car wash.

Watch commander Gavin Pardoe said: "The Prince's Trust approached us about helping out and we were happy to. We are taking part in a campaign this year under the banner Children and Young People so this fits in perfectly with that."

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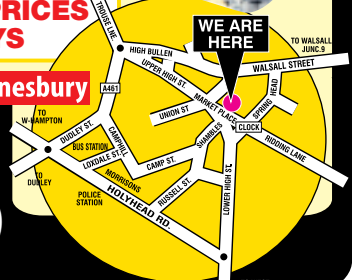
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# the pulse

## These boys nose they are wanted

**SINCE** shooting straight to number one last year, Britain's newest heart-throbs – The Wanted – are set to cause a stir on their first UK tour.

Having spent the last 12 months touring Europe the boys are back doing something funny for money as they spearhead Comic Relief's official single.

The single, Gold Forever, marks a day in your life you will never forget and with their debut release All Time Low topping the chart, last August...

ust, the Brit nominees are set for many more memorable times. Their tour, which kicks off on March 29, will see them grace the Wolverhampton Civic stage on April 11.

After forming in an East London pub the edgy-pop band have started as they mean to go on, working hard but partying harder. Their rough and tumble energy and down to earth nature sets them well apart from the clichéd, ballad-singing boy band.

Tom, the eldest of the group at 22, said: "It is an absolute honour to be fronting the Comic Relief single."

"When we first started out none of us expected us to be doing something this huge so soon."

"The fun we have definitely shows through in Gold Forever, we do something funny everyday and we love a good party. We hope everyone will back the single."

"We're not like your regular boy band, we don't want to conform to that stereotype and we want our fans to see the real us and enjoy our unique sound."

"We've never been to Wolverhampton before but we know we have a lot of supporters from the city and we are very excited to finally come and meet them."

With over nine million plays of their videos on YouTube and more than 400,000 fans on Facebook the tour promises to be the first of many from one of the year's biggest breakthrough acts.



## Your chance to meet star Taylor

**ONE** of America's biggest new singing stars, Taylor Swift, is coming to the West Midlands next week – and The Chronicle is offering one lucky reader and a friend the chance to meet the four-time Grammy winner and see her in concert at the LG Arena.

The 21-year-old will be in concert on Tuesday (22) as one of only three concerts in the UK in support of her new Speak Now album.

Known for her incredible high energy shows, Taylor Swift will be performing hits from her three albums including the chart-topping Love Story, You Belong To Me, Fifteen and Mine, as part of her 15-month, 107-date world tour.

She is the top selling digital music artist in history, had the best selling album of the year in 2009 and regularly tops both pop and country music charts in America. All this in less than five years since the singer, songwriter and actress from Pennsylvania made her debut.

● For your chance to meet the star and see her in concert at the LG on Tuesday evening, call us tomorrow (Friday March 18) on 01902 319571 between 10am and noon, and tell us the name of her latest album. The winner will be chosen that same day. We will require your name, address, email, mobile telephone number and date of birth. Anyone aged under 16 will have to be accompanied by an adult. Usual Chronicle rules apply and the editor's decision is final.



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# Golden celebration of life on the most famous street

**B**IRMINGHAM'S New Alexandra Theatre is taking inspiration from the longest-running TV soap with Corrie from Monday to Saturday, an affectionate celebration of 50 years of Coronation Street which got its premiere in Salford a year ago.

Former Street star Ken Morley (who played supermarket boss Reg Holdsworth) is the special guest narrator for the show, which recalls celebrated scenes from the soap's half century and was written by one of the show's scriptwriters, Jonathan Harvey.

The cast of six will take on several roles each to play such familiar characters as Ena Sharples, Elsie Tanner, Hilda Ogden, Bet Lynch, Jack and Vera Duckworth, Ken and Deirdre Barlow, murderous Richard Hillman and trouble-prone Steve MacDonald.

Roald Dahl fantasy for children **George's Marvelous Medicine** continues at the Alex to Saturday and then former Supreme Mary Wilson will appear as part of a classic soul double bill with **The Chi-Lites** at the theatre this Sunday night.

Movie musicals reign supreme at Birmingham Hippodrome where **Footloose The Dance Musical** is followed by **The Blues Brothers** for a six day run from Monday.

No sooner has former Busted singer Matt Willis stomped his last on the Hippodrome stage on Saturday in the celebration of 1980s music, than the clock turns back to the sounds of 1960s R&B in the show with the incredibly long title.... **The All New Original Tribute to The Blues Brothers The Smash Hit Musical**. The suited and pork pie-hatted duo and some soulful guest singers will be belting out the sounds of Chicago and Detroit to Saturday in the show inspired by the cult 1980 movie from director John Landis.

After Wolverhampton Musical Comedy Company's production of Disney's **High School Musical** completes its run at Wolverhampton Grand on Saturday, the Lichfield Street theatre hosts **The Russian**



**State Ballet and Orchestra** of Siberia. They perform *The Nutcracker* on Sunday (at 4pm), *Romeo And Juliet* on Monday evening and *Swan Lake* on Tuesday evening.

On Wednesday at the Grand songs from the shows, with particular attention to Les Miserables, will be performed by West End singers in **Beyond The Barricade** and on Thursday (24) Opera Della Luna perform Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operetta **HMS Pinafore**.

## Sequel

Mind The Gap present an award-winning adaptation John Steinbeck's classic 'Great American Depression' drama **Of Mice And Men** at Wolverhampton's Arena twice today (Thu). Nobody's Perfect present the comedy **World Of Pain**, Rugeley writer Phil Preece's sequel



to his **House Of Pain**, tomorrow (Fri). Birmingham Rep, now on the road whilst its theatre is partly rebuilt, comes to the Arena on Monday with Lucy Caldwell's powerful new play about a dying child, **Notes To Future Self**. The play, the last directed for

the Rep by outgoing artistic director Rachel Kavanaugh, won critical acclaim during its recent run in Birmingham.

Crescent Theatre presents Tennessee Williams' US Deep South drama **Cat On A Hot Tin Roof** at the theatre on Sheepcote Street in Birmingham from Saturday to March 26.

## Orchestra

St Patrick's Day is marked by veteran Irish music greats **The Dubliners** tonight (Thu) at Birmingham Town Hall. Other concert highlights in the second city include English folk from **Kate Rusby** (Town Hall, Friday); Bollywood legend **Asha Bhosle** with sitar virtuoso Shujaat Khan (Symphony Hall, Friday); **The Australian Pink Floyd Show** (Symphony Hall, Monday); theatrical 10-piece performance orchestra **The**



Left: The Russian State Ballet in action - the world-famous company can be seen at Wolverhampton Grand; above, Jo Mousley as the unforgettable Hilda Ogden in Corrie at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre; and below, a scene from **The Blues Brothers The Smash Hit Musical**, which is running at Birmingham Hippodrome for six days from Monday

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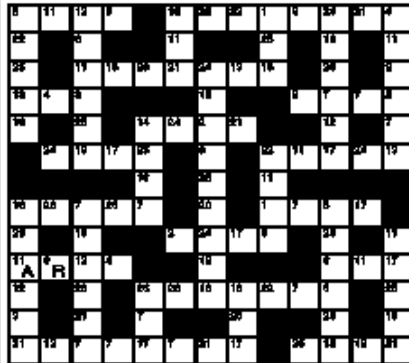


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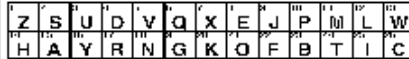
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Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- Excellent start at school? (5,5)
- They cause suffering, observe great care (5)
- It has no meaning (7)
- People may have to put up with her (8)
- An element of jazz in classical music (4)
- It's not so hot in this (6)
- Not for a musical sailor (6)
- Agrees, but says nothing (4)
- It's not right having more surplus (4,4)
- Takes great steps not to have to walk in the streets (7)
- Out from the health care about? (5)
- If your words are this, you won't want to eat them (2,3,3)

## Quick Clues:

## Across

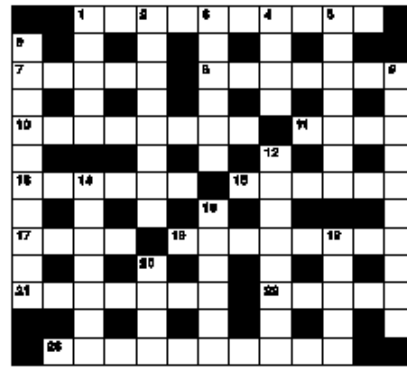
- Arm (10)
- Engine (5)
- Unkind (7)
- Addressed (8)
- Just (4)
- Turkey (6)
- Vampire (6)
- Supporter (4)
- Elly of Christ on the cross (8)
- Independent (7)
- Quake (5)
- Excessively busy (10)

## Down

- In his ignorance may make one pretend (5)
- Found the answer again, being deter mined (8)
- A long speech from one in business (6)
- Abandoned part (4)
- A Parliamentary term? (7)
- They presumably hope not to miss the part (10)
- A chance one is fortunate to get (5,5)
- Taller to many head tradesmen (8)
- Scrap an aged gold club (5,4)
- Afternoon service? (5,5)
- Without it one is utterly incompetent (5)
- A thought the birds apparently conceal (4)

## Down

- Loft (5)
- Crack shot (8)
- Alphabet (6)
- Com (4)
- Thrilling (7)
- Spouses (10)
- Crout (10)
- Follow (8)
- Edge (7)
- Fault finder (6)
- Billions (5)
- Thin (4)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 1. Excellent start at school? (5,5) 2. They cause suffering, observe great care (5) 3. It has no meaning (7) 4. People may have to put up with her (8) 5. An element of jazz in classical music (4) 6. It's not so hot in this (6) 7. Not for a musical sailor (6) 8. Agrees, but says nothing (4) 9. It's not right having more surplus (4,4) 10. Takes great steps not to have to walk in the streets (7) 11. Out from the health care about? (5) 12. If your words are this, you won't want to eat them (2,3,3)

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every row and every column, every 3x3 box contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the five words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter was 'A'. The words were: ULABS, LIAB, GND, MIC, MIC.

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Taylor's estate agent is marketing the sale of this three-bedroom home for offers in the region of £127,950

# Family home on the market

TAYLORS estate agent is marketing the sale of a well-presented modern-style, detached home in Brierley Hill.

Number 30 Carder Drive is on the market for offers in the region of £127,950 and is double-glazed with gas central heating and three bedrooms.

It is also conveniently located for both the Brierley and Merry Hill shopping centres and may be of particular interest to first-time buyers or young families.

The grounds include a driveway with garage and low maintenance rear garden.

Internally, a side entrance door with double-glazed obscure panels leads to a transverse lounge, measuring 15ft 9in x 14ft 5in, with television, telephone and cable television points, stairs to the first floor, a central heating radiator and double-glazed patio doors to the rear garden.

With a range of base and eye level cupboards and rolled-edge work surfaces, the kitchen measures 10ft 5in x 7ft 3in and

includes a sink and drainage unit with mixer tap, space for a cooker, plumbing for a washing machine, tiled splashbacks, wall-mounted combination central heating boiler, radiator, spotlights and a double-glazed window to the front.

From the first floor landing with central heating radiator, there is access to the roof space and doors leading to the three bedrooms and bathroom.

The main bedroom measures 11ft 3in x 10ft 5in and has a central heating radiator and double-glazed window to the rear while the second room has dimensions of 13ft 10in x 9ft 4in and the third measures 10ft 8in x 6ft 1in.

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**£7,000 REDUCTION**

27 Lynchurst Drive

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ALDEFORD DRIVE

Enjoying a pleasant corner position in this ever popular address, this attractively presented Modern 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Reception Hall, spacious Lounge, Double Glazed Conservatory, fitted Kitchen, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, attractively fitted Shower Room, pleasant good sized rear Gardens with westerly aspect and Garage to rear and driveway.

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## TIPTON



Baker Street

A tremendously modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & majority uPVC double glazed semi detached enviably situated upon wider than average corner plot & convenient for so many amenities. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, spacious through lounge/dining room (formerly separate room), refitted kitchen, uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, reappointed shower room (with white suite), DOUBLE & SINGLE GARAGES, block paved driveway, rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

## COSELEY

**NEW PRICE**

Anvil Crescent

NO UPWARD CHAIN. Enjoying an open aspect to the front, this beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom semi detached home is well worthy of internal inspection. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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## COSELEY



Avenue Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, vast majority uPVC double glazed gas centrally heated semi detached home is conveniently situated for local amenities and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property which would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/upgrade briefly comprises entrance porch, 1 lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,950

NETHERTON  
BIRCH TERRACE

Pleasantly situated in this "lesser known" yet very convenient address, this individually designed 3 Bedroom Detached former bungalow provides spacious, versatile, gas centrally heated and double glazed family accommodation available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Master Bedroom, 2 double First Floor Bedrooms, Bathroom, rear garden with long driveway providing superb parking ideal for caravan/boat to the rear with considerable potential for Storage and possible development (subject to Planning Permissions etc).

Offers around £169,950

QUARRY BANK  
DUNSLADE CRESCENT

Enjoying splendid views from this popular and convenient address this attractive Modern 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family or professional/retired couple and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Good Bedrooms, Attractively Refitted Shower Room, Side Garage, Landscaped Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 Cars to the front.

Offers around £137,500

PENSNETT  
BLACKWATER CLOSE

Most pleasantly situated at the furthest end of this popular cul-de-sac, this delightfully presented Modern 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family and briefly comprises:- Hall, Spacious Lounge with Dining Area, Attractively Fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom with Shower, Side Garage, Enclosed Rear Gardens and Large Landscaped Front Gardens with pleasant outlook and with pedestrian access only ideal for those with young children.

Offers around £129,950

## WORDSLEY

**£5,000 REDUCTION**

8 Ascot Gardens

A MOST DECEPTIVE MODERN MID TOWNHOUSE which is superbly located within the sought after Ashwood Park development, offering a GENEROUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation which includes: entrance porch, reception hall, large lounge with dining area, rear lobby with store off, kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is set well back beyond the low maintenance landscaped frontage and to the rear enjoying a very pleasant enclosed garden which includes patio and lawn. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £109,950 - No Upward Chain

## LOWER GORNAL



Penny Royal Close

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated mid townhouse is situated in a quiet cul de sac and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: entrance porch, stylish lounge, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, two good bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

## COSELEY

**NEW PRICE**

Langley Avenue

A significantly modernised, well presented freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED intermediate 'semi home' in a convenient cul de sac with walking distance of so many amenities! Stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, inner hallway, lounge, store, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'wall effect' units & various integrated appliances, patio doors to garden. THREE BEDROOM reappointed bathroom with white brick/block paved off road parking to 1 (kerb dropped) & a secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £100,000

NETHERTON  
BIRCH TERRACE

This well presented Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious, gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular and very convenient "lesser known" address. Briefly comprises: Hall, attractive Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, 2 good Bedrooms with access to rear garden, 3 pleasant long rear gardens with tarmac paved driveway providing excellent rear parking with excellent further scope for storage of caravan/boat etc. or other uses (subject to planning permission).

Offers around £124,950

WORDSLEY  
BRIERLEY HILL ROAD

Very conveniently situated opposite Wordsley School and overlooking the Canal to the rear, this Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence is in need of general modernisation and improvement but provides tremendous further potential with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Porch, Hall, Lounge, separate Dining Room, Kitchen, rear Lobby with Downstairs W.C., 3 Bedrooms, side Garage (concrete), pleasant good sized rear Gardens with pleasant outlook and driveway to the front.

Offers around £114,950

PENSNETT  
MILTON STREET

This spacious 4 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides improved gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the larger family and is conveniently positioned close to Russell Hill Hospital and amenities. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious Lounge, large Dining Kitchen, Double Glazed Conservatory, refitted Bathroom with shower, 4 well proportioned Bedrooms, First Floor W.C., pleasant good sized rear Garden and driveway for two cars to the front.

Offers around £109,950

## DUDLEY



Elm Green, Old Park Farm estate

A freehold, part uPVC single & part uPVC double glazed semi detached requiring some careful updating but providing tremendous POTENTIAL. Accommodation includes reception hall, store, through lounge, separate dining room (former kitchen), pantry, kitchen (former utility area), separate toilet. THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, delightful secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950

## PENSNETT



Avon Close

This gas centrally heated, modern style semi detached property offers two bedroomed accommodation comprising: inner hall, kitchen, through lounge, two bedrooms, wc, bathroom, gardens to front and rear, uPVC gutter and fascia, burglar alarm. Realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £99,950

## DUDLEY



Banklands Road

This neatly presented and improved traditional style property stands back from the road in a larger than average plot suitable for a number of uses. gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed, two bedroom accommodation comprises: lounge, kitchen, utility area, guest wc, two 1 floor bedrooms, contemporary style shower room, garden to the rear, side frontage, and driveway. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £77,950

BRIERLEY HILL  
TRINITY STREET

This 3 bedroomed End Terrace provides deceptively spacious part double glazed accommodation which although requires updating and improvement provides tremendous further potential in this established and convenient address. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, fitted Bathroom with shower and enclosed rear Gardens.

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- ★ Garage with block paved driveway to the front
- ★ Good sized private rear garden with sunny aspect

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## BILSTON



HARLYN CLOSE, BRIDGEFIELDS

- ★ A luxuriously appointed modern four bed detached
- ★ Lounge ★ 2nd reception room
- ★ Conservatory ★ Kitchen and utility
- ★ Downstairs cloakroom
- ★ Family bathroom
- ★ Master bedroom with ensuite
- ★ Garage
- ★ Private rear garden, sunny position

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £233,995

## WOODSETTON



BENBECK GROVE

- ★ A four bedroom detached family home, cul-de-sac location
- ★ Extended to the rear ★ Refurbished kitchen
- ★ Two reception rooms ★ Guest cloakroom
- ★ Ensuite to master bedroom, family bathroom
- ★ Upvc double glazing, Gas central heating
- ★ Garage and block paved driveway
- ★ Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £219,995

## MILKING BANK, DUDLEY



AINTREE WAY

- ★ Upgraded four bedroomed detached convenient for Milking Bank primary school
- ★ Lounge and separate dining room
- ★ Kitchen & Utility room
- ★ Family bathroom and guest cloakroom
- ★ Four bedrooms with en-suite to master
- ★ Rear of garage converted into games room
- ★ Driveway parking and good sized rear gardens

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £199,950

## GORNAL WOOD



ORCHARD GROVE

- ★ A traditional style three bed detached close to Gornal village
- ★ Spacious lounge with dining area
- ★ Good sized kitchen, side lobby
- ★ Beautifully presented bathroom, separate shower cubicle
- ★ Landscaped rear gardens
- ★ Garage to the rear with parking
- ★ Block paved driveway to the front
- ★ Viewing recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £179,950

## TIPTON



WOODCROFT AVENUE

- ★ An exceptionally well presented 3 bedroomed detached
- ★ Extended downstairs accommodation
- ★ Two reception rooms ★ Study
- ★ Kitchen, utility ★ Downstairs cloakroom
- ★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating
- ★ Immaculately maintained large rear garden, sunny aspect
- ★ Garage, block paved driveway
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £175,000

## COSELEY



GRRENOAK CRESCENT, BRAMFORD ESTATE

- ★ A beautifully presented extended semi
- ★ Corner plot position
- ★ Lounge ★ 2nd reception with dining area
- ★ Modern kitchen and bathroom
- ★ Three bedrooms & large study/office
- ★ Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
- ★ Garage, private rear garden, sunny aspect
- ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £164,950

## GORNAL WOOD



PRICES ROAD

- ★ A delightful cottage close to Gornal village
- ★ Pleasant lounge, separate dining room
- ★ Country style kitchen with utility room
- ★ Large modern bathroom
- ★ Two comfortable bedrooms, potential for en-suite
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Rear garden with sunny aspect
- ★ Block paved driveway

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,950

## LOWER GORNAL



WINSCAR CROFT

- ★ Modern style semi-detached, quiet cul-de-sac location
- ★ High standard of accommodation, extended living space into Garage
- ★ Kitchen with dining area
- ★ Lounge and conservatory
- ★ Three bedrooms, ensuite to master
- ★ Garage converted to partial storage space
- ★ Parking for several cars

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,950

## BRADLEY, BILSTON



OLIVER CRESCENT

- ★ A spacious 4 bed semi, large corner plot
- ★ Lounge and separate dining room
- ★ 18ft breakfast kitchen with feature island
- ★ Contemporary bathroom with separate shower
- ★ Downstairs cloakroom
- ★ Block paved driveway, parking for 3/4 cars
- ★ Good sized rear garden with sunny aspect

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £149,950

## WOODSETTON



ROSEMARY CRESCENT

- ★ A traditional extended three bed semi-detached
- ★ Providing a high standard of accommodation
- ★ Lounge, dining room, open plan kitchen/family room
- ★ Modern bathroom, downstairs cloakroom
- ★ Driveway parking for several cars
- ★ Private rear garden with a sunny position
- ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,950

## DUDLEY



HIMLEY AVENUE

- ★ A traditional detached, cul-de-sac location
- ★ Two reception rooms ★ Conservatory
- ★ Breakfast kitchen ★ Utility
- ★ Guest cloakroom ★ Bathroom
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Garage
- ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,950

## SEDGLEY



THE VISTA

- ★ A semi-detached on a large corner plot
- ★ Spacious lounge and kitchen
- ★ Outhouse providing utility and cloakroom
- ★ Three large bedrooms
- ★ Gas central heating, part double glazed
- ★ POTENTIAL BUILDING PLOT (subject to planning consent)
- ★ OFFERS CONSIDERED FOR PLOT ONLY

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,950

## LANESFIELD



BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD

- ★ A generous sized extended semi-detached
- ★ Set well back from the road
- ★ Two reception rooms ★ Conservatory
- ★ Kitchen and utility
- ★ Downstairs cloakroom
- ★ Two double bedrooms
- ★ Third room/office
- ★ Upvc double glazing, gas central heating
- ★ Parking and garage to the rear

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,950

## TIPTON



FOXYARDS ROAD

- ★ A delightful three bed semi detached ideally situated for all amenities
- ★ Enhanced by the current owners with a modern theme
- ★ Two reception rooms and a conservatory
- ★ Kitchen and utility
- ★ Upvc double glazing & Gas central heating
- ★ Garage & block paved driveway
- ★ Pleasant private rear garden
- ★ Viewing highly recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,950

## SEDGLEY



LOMOND ROAD, NORTHWAY

- ★ A deceptively spacious mid town house
- ★ Beautifully presented throughout
- ★ Lounge ★ Open plan modern kitchen & dining area
- ★ Downstairs cloakroom
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Two allocated parking spaces
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950

## TIPTON



SANNDERS CRESCENT

- ★ Modern 3 bed end town house on three storeys
- ★ Generous sized lounge, kitchen, cloakroom on ground floor
- ★ Two bedrooms and bathroom on middle floor
- ★ Main bedroom, dressing area, ensuite on top floor
- ★ Fitted wardrobes in all bedrooms
- ★ Rear garden ★ Garage
- ★ STAMP DUTY EXEMPT

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £127,500

## LANESFIELD



WARD GROVE

- ★ A well presented semi-detached bungalow on a corner plot
- ★ Refurbished throughout to a high standard
- ★ Modern kitchen and utility ★ Shower room
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Upvc double glazing ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Garage & driveway parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,995

## SEDGLEY



TIPTON STREET

- ★ A charming traditional three bedroom terraced property close to Sedgley village
- ★ Spacious living space, two receptions rooms
- ★ Breakfast kitchen and conservatory
- ★ Utility and downstairs wc
- ★ Upstairs bathroom, separate wc.
- ★ Gas central heating. ★ Hardwood double glazing (majority)
- ★ Rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950

## LOWER GORNAL



BOUNDARY HILL

- ★ Beautifully presented town house, close to Gornal Village
- ★ Four bedrooms
- ★ Lounge, good sized kitchen
- ★ Bathroom & shower room
- ★ Double glazing & gas central heating
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ Off road parking

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950

## SEDGLEY



CASTLE STREET

- ★ Within walking distance to Sedgley Village
- ★ A traditional semi-detached with a garage
- ★ Lounge, kitchen, verandah/utility
- ★ Two double bedrooms and a nursery room
- ★ Modern bathroom with corner bath & separate shower cubicle
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Secluded rear garden

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £122,950

## SEDGLEY



LIME ROAD

- ★ A generous sized three bed mid terrace property
- ★ Convenient for Sedgley centre
- ★ Partially refurbished, some work required
- ★ Lounge, Large kitchen/diner
- ★ Cloakroom and Utility
- ★ Modern bathroom
- ★ No upward chain

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

## DUDLEY



RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

- ★ A most desirable modern townhouse
- ★ In a quiet location at the end of a cul-de-sac, distant views
- ★ Open plan lounge and modern kitchen
- ★ Two double bedrooms
- ★ Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
- ★ Low maintenance sunny rear garden
- ★ Two allocated parking spaces
- ★ NO UPWARD CHAIN

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

## COSELEY



CENTRAL DRIVE

- ★ A generous sized 3 bed traditional semi-detached
- ★ Conveniently located for major road and rail links
- ★ Lounge and dining kitchen
- ★ Upvc double glazed. ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Modern fully tiled bathroom
- ★ Good sized rear garden with outbuilding.
- ★ Driveway parking for two cars.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950

## LOWER GORNAL



BROOKDALE

- ★ Substantial sized three bed semi.
- ★ Situated on a large corner plot beyond delightful front gardens
- ★ Extended kitchen & bathroom
- ★ Dining area ★ lounge
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Part double glazed
- ★ Garage
- ★ Would benefit from internal updating

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,000

## SEDGLEY



KINGS ROAD

- ★ A beautifully appointed three bedroomed traditional terrace in a popular area close to Sedgley village
- ★ Refurbished to a high standard with a contemporary theme
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ New kitchen and bathroom
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Rear garden
- ★ Ideal first time purchase

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £109,000

## TIPTON



MANOR ROAD

- ★ A generous sized three bed semi-detached
- ★ Residential area, convenient for local primary school
- ★ Lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- ★ Modern bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Upvc double glazing (majority)
- ★ Pleasant rear gardens.
- ★ VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,950

## SEDGLEY



SCHOOL STREET

- ★ A mid terrace traditional style property close to Sedgley centre
- ★ Two large reception rooms ★ Cellar
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Downstairs bathroom ★ Two large bedrooms
- ★ Upvc double glazing and gas central heating
- ★ Courtyard and garden with potential for off road parking to rear
- ★ Ideal for first time buyer

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £95,950

## COSELEY



IVYHOUSE LANE

- ★ A splendid ground floor apartment in a quiet location
- ★ Refurbished and enhanced by the current owners
- ★ Modern kitchen & bathroom
- ★ One double bedroom
- ★ Garage and rear garden
- ★ Communal driveway parking
- ★ Viewing recommended

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £84,950

## LOWER GORNAL



BROOKSIDE

- ★ A one bedroom ground floor flat, close to the Village centre.
- ★ Ideal for buy-to-let or first time buyers..
- ★ Good size lounge, kitchen and a newly refurbished modern 'white' bathroom
- ★ Upvc double glazed windows
- ★ Gas fired central heating.
- ★ Internal viewing recommended.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £52,500



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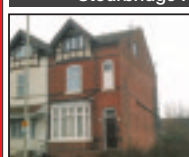
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DUDLEY  
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£510 pcm



DUDLEY  
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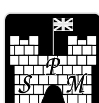
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Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Carpets & Curtains, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, No DSS, No Pets

£450 pcm



WORDSLEY  
STREAM ROAD

End terrace property, Lounge, kitchen/diner, out buildings, bathroom with shower, two double bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazing, carpets & curtains, Unfurnished, Rear gardens.

£525 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL  
BELL STREET

Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Conservatory, Large Cellar, Gas Central Heating, Carpets & Curtains

£425 pcm



WOLVERHAMPTON  
VICTORIA ROAD

Terraced House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking

£575 pcm



SEDGLEY  
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£575 pcm



KINGSWINFORD  
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Price: £379,500

## KINGSWINFORD

502 High Street



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Price: Offers Around £249,950

## COSELEY



Denise Drive

ONLY JUST CONSTRUCTED, an exceptionally spacious, gas centrally heated, & UPVC double glazed FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOM detached in favoured district. Outstanding accommodation includes: imposing 15'6" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 17'9" lounge, transverse 23' dining kitchen acting as 'hub of the house' with extensive range of stylish units & various integrated appliances, laundry, Gallery landing, principal bedroom with shower room en suite, three further double bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £245,000

## LOWER GORNAL



Ruilton Street

An PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS & exceptionally well presented, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated detached family home in popular convenient district with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation includes imposing 15'6" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 18'6" lounge with bay, sitting room (with patio doors to outside), well equipped 18'2" kitchen with an extensive range of units & various integrated appliances (defined laundry section). Four generous bedrooms (principal with shower room en suite & built in wardrobe), reappointed/refitted bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £217,500

## KINGSWINFORD



43 Murdoch Drive

Pleasantly and very conveniently located within this stylish modern development constructed by George Wimpey Homes, this VERY DECEPTIVE, BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED, MODERN THREE STOREY END TOWNHOUSE offers a VERY SPACIOUS and TASTEFULLY DECORATED layout of accommodation comprising: reception hall, SPLENDID LARGE LOUNGE with DINING AREA, attractively fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS (master with en-suite shower room and dressing area), well appointed classic white house bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond a DOUBLE WIDTH DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying a PLEASANTLY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £177,950

## WOLVERHAMPTON



Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park

A TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED, modernised & upgraded, freehold, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises enlarged reception hall, lounge with bay, reappointed/fitted cloakroom, separate dining room with patio doors, enlarged/refitted kitchen with integrated appliances. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into eaves), stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite/shower, garage, good sized garden, distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

## DUDLEY



Dibdale Road

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modernised, much improved and conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) and double glazed semi detached most conveniently situated with panoramic distant views and within walking distance of so many amenities and facilities. Slightly concealed and set back from the road the accommodation includes reception hall, tremendous L-shaped through lounge/dining room with patio doors to rear, upgraded refitted kitchen (many appliances) pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom, FURNITURE & OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE, extensive driveway/gated parking, good sized garage, rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

## WOLVERHAMPTON



Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park

A freehold, mostly double glazed, cavity wall insulated Mucklow built semi detached for modernisation with significant potential. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, three bedrooms (possibilities of enlarging third bedroom into eaves?), bathroom, garage, good sized garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

## PENSNETT



Enjoying a superb 'cul de sac' setting, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, TRADITIONAL 'BAY FRONTED' SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS and WELL MAINTAINED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, ground floor w.c., spacious lounge, separate dining room, study area, rear veranda, extended kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE, together with gated side access to a USEFUL SHELTERED and ENCLOSED SIDE AREA and enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £136,950

13 Woodfield Avenue



Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

A comparatively SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed traditional end terrace of character that has been conscientiously maintained & TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED in recent years conveniently situated backing onto allotments at rear with distant views. Accommodation provides dining room with OPEN FIREPLACE, store, lounge with 'living flame' feature fireplace, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, lobby, recently reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite. THREE BEDROOMS, neat sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,450

## NETHERTON



Amphlett's Close

This beautifully presented, modern style, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom end town house, is situated in a cul de sac location, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises: entrance porch, lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms (with en-suite to master), bathroom, garage, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £114,950

## PENSNETT



Cam Gardens

This modern style, UPVC double glazed, three bedroomed, semi detached home is beautifully presented throughout, and is situated in a cul de sac location. The property, which may be of interest to first time buyers or young families, briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, guest wc, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, and a pleasant rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £114,950

## LANESFIELD



Norbury Crescent

This beautifully presented, UPVC double glazed (vast majority), gas centrally heated semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners and may appeal to both young families & first time buyers alike. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, reappointed shower room with white suite, front & rear gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,950

## LOWER GORNAL



Brook Street

A comparatively SPACIOUS, modernised & improved, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated traditional intermediate terrace of character excellently situated within walking distance of the village. Stylish well presented accommodation includes superb 20'4" lounge, large transverse dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'first quality' units & a verandah beyond. Two generous double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

## BRIERLEY HILL



Brettell Lane

This traditional style three bedroomed semi detached residence offers gas centrally heated and part UPVC double glazed accommodation which also has a ground floor wet room. The accommodation comprises: hall, lounge, kitchen diner, wet room, w.c., three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, UPVC gutter and fascia. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £89,950

## NETHERTON



Windmill End

Appealing to the first time buyer is this beautifully presented and vastly improved one bedroomed first floor apartment which simply must be viewed. With gas central heating, double glazing and modern decor, the accommodation comprises: landing, large lounge, well fitted modern kitchen, white bathroom suite, large bedroom, communal gardens, and parking area. View early to avoid disappointment. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £67,950

## SEDGLEY



**NEW PRICE**

Sandyfields Road

EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL, Freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed superior detached residence constructed to an exacting specification for the original owners in the 1980's incorporating first quality materials/workmanship. The exceptionally flexible room arrangements include: entrance vestibule, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen with an extensive range of units & various integrated appliances, laundry/toilet. From the split level hall is a fitted cloakroom and a secondary lounge. To the first floor are three double bedrooms (principal bedroom 20'10" x 11'4" - possibilities of sub division?), bathroom. Large garage with further secure storage, 'low maintenance gardens'. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £325,000

## SEDGLEY



**NEW PRICE**

Horton Close

A significantly enhanced & improved, freehold, gas centrally & UPVC double glazed 'David Payne' built double fronted detached set virtually at head of cul de sac with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the front. Accommodation includes reception hall, 20'1" through lounge with 'contemporary look' overmantel with living flame gas fire, dining room, fitted cloakroom with white suite, upgraded breakfast kitchen with numerous integrated appliances & utility room. Principal bedroom with fitted units and stylish bathroom (with white contemporary look suite), three further bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes), bathroom (with contemporary style white suite including 'whisper' bath), carpet, garage & further 17'6" WIDE parking area to alternate gate, wide garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £265,000



**BEARWOOD****HALESOWEN****SEDGLEY****129 Poplar Road****21 Hagley Road****2A Dudley Street****0121 434 4345****0121 550 3978****01902 880888**[www.taylors-estateagents.co.uk](http://www.taylors-estateagents.co.uk)**6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS****SEDGLEY/WOODSETTON BORDER****Tipton Road**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A significantly enlarged & extremely SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed FIVE BEDROOM detached family home that has been transformed in recent months to an exemplary standard. Excellently situated in extensive secluded grounds well away from the main Tipton Road (quiet lane approach), accommodation includes imposing 22'12" reception hall, magnificent 32ft, lounge/dining room, enlarged/refitted 19ft kitchen, three bedrooms, updated bathroom. To the first floor are two further double bedrooms (one with walk-in wardrobe) & stylish shower room. DOUBLE GARAGE block with workroom/store above, extensive block paved parking, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £295,000

**SEDGLEY****Ley Rise, Northway**

A comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated, & double glazed detached family home at head of short/quiet cul-de-sac with panoramic DISTANT VIEWS in favoured district. Accommodation provides: reception hall, fitted cloakroom, store, 22' through lounge, separate dining room, refitted kitchen (with a stainless steel finished Range). Four bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Lengthy garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £229,950

**GORNAL WOOD****East Street**

A gas centrally heated, (recent replacement boiler), and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED Barratt detached occupying a FINE CORNER PLOT within walking distance of the village with superb accommodation including: entrance porch, inner hallway, lounge with elegant overmantle, dining room with double opening french doors, breakfast kitchen with various integrated appliances, laundry, fitted cloakroom. Four bedrooms (all with fitted wardrobes & principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, delightful landscaped secluded gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £219,950

**GORNAL/PENSNETT****6 Whinberry Rise**

A MOST IMPRESSIVE and EXPENSIVELY RE-APPOINTED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is superbly located within the highly sought after Badgers Rise development, offering an IMMACULATELY PRESENTED and ENLARGED layout of accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, refitted cloakroom, c.zt. large attractive lounge with dining area, LARGE CONSERVATORY, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, separate utility/laundry, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS (bedrooms one and two fitted) and refitted bathroom. The property is set back beyond the BROAD BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with front lawn, GARAGE and a LARGE and BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £204,950 - No Upward Chain

**DUDLEY****Aintree Way, Milking Bank**

A tremendously enhanced, ENLARGED & significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED detached family home presented in exemplary order throughout close to so many amenities and with good distant views. Superb accommodation includes hall, elegant lounge with feature 'arts & crafts' fireplace and walk in bay, dining room, upgraded kitchen with various integrated appliances, store, enlarged laundry and spacious 'family room' (possibilities as granny suite/fitted bedroom/playroom/office). To the first floor are four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite) and exceptionally stylish/reappointed bathroom with white suite. Landscaped 'low maintenance' gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in excess of £199,950

**SEDGLEY****Farm Close, Brownswall Estate**

REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY - EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE GARDEN !! - Enviously situated at head of short cul de sac immediately abutting open fields with panoramic distant views, a gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district. Stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room (with double french doors out to garden), kitchen, pantry, breakfast/utility room, three bedrooms, bathroom, large garage, exceptionally lengthy garden (section let out as part of a paddock). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £197,950

**DUDLEY****Richborough Drive**

An attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached enviously situated virtually at head of favoured cul de sac with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and reasonable distance of the Milking Bank amenities/open space. Superb accommodation includes reception hall, elegant lounge, separate dining room, well equipped kitchen with various integrated appliances, utility room, fitted cloakroom. Four bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, delightful gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £196,950

**DUDLEY****Cowley Drive, Milking Bank**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been significantly improved & updated by the present owners and is situated in a quiet cul de sac on the popular Milking Bank development. Internal inspection is strongly advised to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation which briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, dining room, four good bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & lawned gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £194,995

**MILKING BANK AREA****Regency Court**

ENVIABLY SITUATED and, arguably, one of the finest apartments in this elegant, recently constructed block, a particularly SPACIOUS, radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed top floor example with 180 DEGREE PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and presented in exemplary order throughout. There is a 'retty phony' style system, communal areas with No. 9 having a 22ft reception hall (9'8" ceiling height), elegant 22ft living/dining room with wide walk-in bay window, stunning 16ft dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'major' effect units, breakfast bar and many integrated appliances, THREE BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite & one with fitted units), principal bathroom. Extensive, gated well presented grounds with two allocated parking spaces. Personal inspection imperative for total appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £179,950

**UPPER GORNAL****New plot adjacent to 57 Eve Lane**

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT - A split-level detached residence is to be constructed fronting onto Eve Lane (with vehicular access from Vicanage Road at rear) will be covered by NHBC guarantee & the gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed accommodation is to comprise reception hall, cloak cupboard, fitted cloakroom, dining kitchen with a fine range of units, lounge with french doors out to garden, two double bedrooms, bathroom, garden to be landscaped. (ALTERNATIVELY DEVELOPER WILL SELL PLOT WITH BENEFIT OF OUTLINE PLANNING CONSENT AT OFFERS ABOVE £50,000). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £172,000

**GORNAL WOOD****Oakland Drive**

An exceptionally well presented, tremendously enhanced & enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached enviously situated in relatively quiet cul de sac close to fields. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, magnificent 22'10" through living/dining room and a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, refitted kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes & third with fitted bed base), upgraded/re-fitted shower room. Block paved forecourt & side drive with BRICK GARAGE and neat 'low maintenance' garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

**SEDGLEY****Southerndown Road, Brownswall Estate**

NO UPWARD CHAIN - A significantly MODERNISED & IMPROVED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow in favoured district. Superb accommodation includes porch, reception hall, two double bedrooms, 16ft lounge, reappointed bathroom with white suite, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'oak' units & integrated oven, hob/fritter with a breakfast room beyond. Wide sheltered & secluded 'wedge shape' rear garden, garage. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

**SEDGLEY****Western Avenue**

"Transformed" by present vendors in recent years. Recent gas central heating system. Upvc double glazing. Tremendous views. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, superb through living/dining room (with bay & patio doors), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, spacious utility room beyond. Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with stylish white suite, garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £167,950

**LOWER GORNAL****Redstone Way**

An attractive, stylish, particularly well presented & already significantly enhanced, freehold, uPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated double fronted Kendrick built home covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee. Enviously situated upon fine corner plot with good distant views, the accommodation includes reception hall, store, fitted cloakroom, through breakfast kitchen with an enhanced range of units together with oven, hob & extractor, through lounge with king flame feature gas fire and double french doors through to a uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with wardrobe & shower room en suite), bathroom with white suite, substantial detached brick garage, landscaped 'low maintenance' rear garden with secluded rear aspect. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £165,000

**GORNAL WOOD****Maple Drive**

An exceptionally well presented & extremely stylish, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached in favoured 'backwater' close to fields and other amenities. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, 23ft, through living/dining room (possibilities of sub-division?) with patio doors, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, store. Three generous size bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite/chrome detailing & a shower. Gated tarmac drive & a brick garage, neat gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

**LOWER GORNAL****Prices Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A delightful, tremendously modernised & enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached cottage presented in exemplary order throughout in 'quiet backwater' within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Outstanding accommodation includes lounge (with living flame feature fireplace), dining room, 13'7" bathroom (separate shower), refitted through kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, vestibule & laundry section. To the first floor are two bedrooms. Extensive block paved parking to front, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £157,950

**SEDGLEY****Queens Road**

A conscientiously maintained, ENLARGED, gas centrally & primarily uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached of character in well regarded district within level walking distance of Bull Ring and so many amenities/open fields. The accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall sitting room with bay, pantry, living room with veranda beyond, 17ft breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, lengthy secluded rear garden (NB: house has been re-roofed in recent years). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £152,000

**COSELEY****Kipling Avenue**

An extremely stylish, exceptionally well presented & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in relatively quiet yet convenient cul de sac. Accommodation provides enlarged entrance porch, reception hall, reappointed cloakroom, elegant lounge, dining room with double doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen with various integrated appliances, three bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite/chrome fittings & a shower, gated driveway & detached DOUBLE GARAGE, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £151,950

**COSELEY****Hall Lane, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A REALISTICALLY PRICED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached with potential comprising hallway, fitted cloakroom, lounge, downstairs store, dining room with patio doors, kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom, garden, GARAGE at rear with carport section. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

**DUDLEY****Salop Street**

A distinctive, extremely stylish and particularly spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed fourhouse conveniently situated in established neighbourhood and necessitating a personal inspection for total appreciation. Superb accommodation includes on the ground floor entrance vestibule, cloak cupboard, upgraded fitted cloak/shower room, laundry, third bedroom; to the first floor is a landing, a spacious L-shape lounge and a L-shape breakfast kitchen with fine range of 'cherrywood' finish units and various integrated appliances; to the second floor is a principal bedroom with built-in wardrobes and a stylish bathroom en suite, together with a second double bedroom also with wardrobe and a shower room en suite. Integral garage, ample parking, neat landscaped rear garden with decking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £137,950

**DUDLEY****Dibdale Street**

An ENLARGED, freehold, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated traditional semi detached with potential & tremendous views; porch, imposing reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining with patio doors, pantry, kitchen. Two double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), tiled bathroom & enlarged landing with staircase up to third dormer room. Large 'drive through' CONTRACTORS' GARAGE with automated door, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £131,950

**DUDLEY****Richborough Drive**

Significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS just off the main Richborough Drive and within reasonable walking distance of all the various Milking Bank amenities. Accommodation provides lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'oak' finish units & many integrated appliances & a substantial brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY to the rear. Two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white fitted suite, off road parking for two vehicles, good sized, well fenced rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £125,000

**WORDSLEY****55 Kinver Street**

This VERY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOME is very well placed within this sought after and established location, offering TASTEFULLY DECORATED accommodation, which is READY TO MOVE INTO, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., full width lounge, ATTRACTIVELY FITTED KITCHEN with built-in appliances, TWO EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS and well appointed classic white bathroom. Set back beyond a small black paved forecourt with a low level wall, with a BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY which extends to the side of the property and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £119,950 - No Upward Chain

**DUDLEY****Colsyll Gardens (Off Westley Street)**

A stylish, recently constructed, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached constructed circa 2007 by Lowell Homes and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom, 17'5" through lounge, CONSERVATORY, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units/various appliances, THREE BEDROOMS (one with en suite), bathroom, GARAGE, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950

**LOWER GORNAL****Gideons Close**

Enviably located in favoured section of cul de sac with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed SEMI DETACHED 'starter home' comprising entrance hallway, lounge with 'contemporary style' overmantel & living flame fire, upgraded breakfast kitchen with integrated oven, hob & filter, two double bedrooms, stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite/chrome fittings. Block paved forecourt, secluded/landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,950



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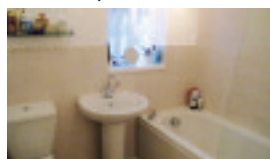
## Tipton Road, Sedgley



Offers Over £230,000 **NEW**

Detached four bedroom property, lounge, reception two, kitchen/diner, downstairs wc, bathroom, master with en-suite, front and rear gardens, garage and drive way.

## Beech Road, Tividale



Offers Over £70,000 **NEW**

Two bedroom first floor flat comprising stairs leading up to landing, lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden. viewing recommended

## Shinglers Drive, Tipton



£139,995 **NEW**

Three storey semi detached property with three bedrooms, utility room, study, lounge, kitchen diner, bathroom and master bedroom with en-suite, gardens, driveway and garage.

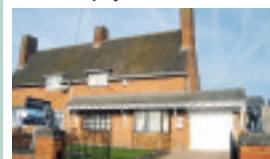
## Wrens Nest Road, Dudley



Offers Over £75,000 **NEW**

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, bathroom, front and rear garden and driveway.

## Hall Street, Tipton



Offers Over £130,000 **NEW**

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge/diner, dining room, kitchen, utility, downstairs wc, garage, driveway and front and rear gardens.

## Callaghan Drive, Tividale



£135,000 **NEW**

Three bedroom property comprising downstairs wc, study/bedroom three, utility room, lounge, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

## Tividale Street, Tipton



Offers Over £95,000 **NEW**

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway.

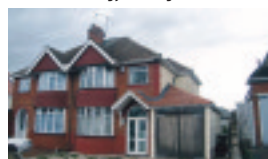
## Brunel Drive, Tipton



Offers Over £130,000 **NEW**

Terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising kitchen, downstairs wc, lounge/diner, family bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, front and rear gardens, garage and driveway.

## The Broadway, Dudley



Offers Over £140,000 **NEW**

Traditional three bedroom property comprising entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, utility area, bathroom, rear garden, driveway and garage.

## Pevensey Close, Tividale



Offers Over £130,000 **NEW**

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

## Ardley Close, Dudley



£51,000 **NEW**

Terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, bathroom, front and rear gardens.

## Birch Crescent, Tividale



Offers Over £125,000 **NEW**

Semi detached three bedroom property, lounge/diner, extended kitchen, bathroom with separate wc, rear garden, driveway and garage situated to rear.

## Oakthorpe Gardens, Tividale



Offers Over £60,000 **NEW**

Two bedroom first floor maisonette property briefly comprising of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom and garage. viewing is recommended.

## Julie Croft, Bilston



Offers Over £140,000 **NEW PRICE**

Detached three bedroom property comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

## Oakham Avenue, Dudley



Offers Over £135,000 **NEW PRICE**

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

## Old Park Road, Dudley



Offers Over £85,000 **NEW PRICE**

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway.

## Steven Drive, Bilston



£40,000 **NEW PRICE**

End terraced one bedroom property comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, front gardens and allocated parking. This property is 50% shared ownership.

## Byrchen Moor Gardens, Brierley Hill



£82,000

Semi detached two bedroom property comprising entrance porch, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden and driveway. No upwarch chain.

## Bloomfield Road, Tipton



£131,000

Modern terraced three storey three bedroom property comprising , study, kitchen/diner, downstairs wc, lounge, bathroom and en-suite front and rear gardens, allocated parking and garage.

## Regent Avenue, Tividale



Offers Over £125,000

Semi detached three bedroom property comprising entrance porch, hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway. viewing recommended.

## Smithy Lane, Brierley Hill



Offers Over £140,000

Semi detached three bedroom property comprising enclosed porch, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway. Viewing recommended.

## Glen Road, Dudley



£85,000

Semi detached two bedroom property comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, garden and drive way, viewing recommended.

## Elizabeth Grove, Dudley



£230,000

Detached, three bedroom property comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, study, two reception rooms, kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway.

## Harper Grove, Tipton



Offers Over £130,000

A two and a half storey property comprising kitchen, lounge, first floor having two bedrooms and bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, parking and rear gardens.

## Amphlett's Close, Dudley



£109,950 **NEW PRICE**

Mid terraced three bedroom property comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, family bathroom, master with en-suite front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.







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### Dudley NORMAN STREET



An impressive two bedroom end terraced house in immaculate condition with accommodation over three floors briefly comprising of lounge, dining room, upstairs bathroom, downstairs shower room, utility area, dining kitchen and a garden to rear.

£84,950 offers over

### Woodsetton GRIFFITHS DRIVE



An extended and much improved three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, driveway to the front and garden to the rear. Viewing is essential

£128,000 offers over

### Dudley WOLVERTON ROAD



A two bedroom semi detached house with lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom and a good size garden to the front, side and rear

£74,950 offers over

### WOODSETTON Bramford Drive



A three bedroom semi detached house with two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, driveway, garage and garden to rear

£104,950

### TIVIDALE Wheatsheaf Road



Three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, upstairs bathroom and garden to rear

£99,950

### Dudley EVE LANE



A rare opportunity to purchase either a plot of land with planning permission for a two/three bedroom bungalow or the owner is willing to build the bungalow for you. For further details please call the office. Prices from £90,000 to £172,000.

£90,000 - £172,000

### Tividale WHEATSHEAF ROAD



An impressive three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility area, downstairs toilet, garden to the rear and a private road leading to the garage and rear

£99,950 offers over

### TIPTON Greensill Avenue



A three bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, driveway and garden to the rear

£67,500

### ROWLEY REGIS Gorsty Hill Road



A three bedroom mid terraced house with two reception rooms, utility area, downstairs bathroom and tard area to rear

£62,950

### Dudley MULBERRY GREEN



A rare opportunity to purchase an off plan bungalow which is due to start construction shortly (planning permission in place). The property will comprise of two or three bedrooms and can be adapted to your requirements. For further information please call Trinity Property

£145,000

### OAKHAM Dingle Close



A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, upstairs bathroom, driveway and garden to the rear. Viewing is essential.

£124,950

### BRIERLEY HILL Derwent Close



A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining area, kitchen, conservatory, gardens to front and rear, driveway and garage

£99,000

### BRIERLEY HILL Planet Road



A two bedroom mid terraced house with lounge, dining room, kitchen with utility area and garden to the rear

£79,950

### Tividale Quays ANITA AVENUE



An immaculate two bedroom semi detached house located in the desirable "Tividale Quays" area. The house briefly comprises of hallway, dining kitchen, lounge, garden to the rear and tandem driveway to the side.

Offers over £99,950

### WEDNESBURY Teal Grove



An impressive two bedroom modern mid terraced house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, garden to the rear and driveway to the front.

£89,950

### DUDLEY Merryfield Road



A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen and garden to the rear.

£109,950

### Milking Bank AINTREE WAY



A 4/5 bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility, converted garage to 5th bedroom/ 3rd reception room, garden to the rear and driveway to the front.

£199,950 offers over

### TIVIDALE Regent Avenue



A traditional three bedroom semi detached with hallway, lounge, large dining kitchen, conservatory, downstairs shower room, utility area, upstairs bathroom, decked patio area, enclosed rear garden and driveway to the front

£125,000 offers

### Dudley HIMLEY ROAD



A three bedroom detached house with lounge, dining room and a large mature rear garden. The property is in need of some modernisation and has an untreated coal mine on the boundary of the rear garden. Open viewing on Saturday 19th March. Call to confirm time

£119,999

### DUDLEY Gads Green Crescent



A two bedroom first floor flat having lounge, kitchen, separate bathroom and w.c. Unfurnished, shared parking, available now. DSS considered with guarantor.

£415 PCM

### DUDLEY Southgate Way



A modern one bedroom apartment close to town centre. Having fitted kitchen with built in appliances, en-suite to master bedroom. Storage heating, allocated parking. Available now

£425 PCM

### OLDBURY Bristnall Hall Road



A modern first floor apartment having central heating and double glazing. Lounge/ diner, open plan fitted kitchen. Double bedroom with wardrobe and storage cupboard. No DSS, available now.

£450 PCM

### DUDLEY Stourbridge Road



Two bedroom mid terrace house having lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, garden and separate garage to rear. No DSS, No pets.

£450 PCM

### OLDBURY Bristnall Hall Road



A modern first floor apartment having lounge/ diner, open plan fitted kitchen with integral washer/ dryer. Double bedroom with wardrobe and storage cupboard. Available now. No DSS.

£450 PCM

### DUDLEY Southgate Way



A modern second floor apartment near Dudley town centre having double glazing and storage heating. Open plan lounge/ kitchen with appliances. En-suite to master bedroom, allocated parking, available now.

£450 PCM

### DUDLEY Sandyfields Road



A nicely presented two bedroom first floor flat. With lounge, kitchen, double bedroom with fitted wardrobes. Brand new bathroom with shower. Single garage. No DSS, no pets.

£495 PCM

### SMETHWICK Londonderry Lane



A modern ground floor two bedroom apartment having fitted kitchen/ dining room, bathroom with shower over. Available mid April 2011.

£495 PCM

### WOLVERHAMPTON Greenock Crescent



A modern two bedroom ground floor apartment. Having open plan lounge/ diner. Master bedroom having en-suite. Unfurnished, available now for viewings

£525 PCM

### DUDLEY Stourbridge Road



A three bedroom terrace house, two reception rooms, large kitchen, gas central heating and double glazing. DSS ok with guarantor, no pets. Available now

£550 PCM

### TIVIDALE Regent Avenue



A three bedroom semi detached house in a cul de sac. Lounge, dining room/ kitchen. Large conservatory to rear, bathroom. Enclosed rear garden and parking to the front. Available now.

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## TIVIDALE



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### BLOOMFIELD ROAD

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### CLUN CLOSE

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## TIVIDALE



### DARBY'S HILL ROAD

• Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow • Lounge & Kitchen • Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazed Where Stated • Front And Rear Garden • Driveway And Garage  
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## HURST HILL



### ROWAN CRESCENT

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**£229,950**

## SOVEREIGN HEIGHTS



### ATTINGHAM DRIVE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a magnificent open plan dining room/fitted kitchen, a utility room, a master bedroom en suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£224,950**

## LARKS VIEW



### RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a master bedroom en suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

**£199,950**

## LOWER GORNAL



### COTWALL END ROAD

A two bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge with an archway leading to a dining area, study / sitting room, fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, carport, garage and a pleasant rear garden.

**£189,950**

## UPPER GORNAL



### KENT STREET

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, an impressive reception hall, a spacious through lounge, a magnificent re-appointed dining kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, a re-appointed bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage with an office and w/c to the rear, a gravelled driveway and a delightful rear garden.

**£189,950**

## SEDGLEY



### DUDLEY ROAD

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, UPVC double glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating and a beautiful rear garden.

**£167,950**

## MILKING BANK



### BRELADES CLOSE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

**£166,950**

## COSELEY



### LANSDOWNE CLOSE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room with open access to the conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a good sized rear garden.

**£160,950**

## SEDGLEY



### SANDYFIELDS ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a fitted kitchen, a dining/sitting room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, a 33ft garage with a workshop behind and a pleasant rear garden.

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### DONNINGTON COURT

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**£154,950**

## HURST HILL



### STRATHERN DRIVE

A three bedroom mid terraced home that briefly comprises a lounge, a dining kitchen, a conservatory, a utility room, a guest cloakroom, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

**£149,950**

## BADGERS RISE



### SKYLARK CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

**£139,950**

## MILKING BANK



### BORDEAUX CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom with a shower, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

**£134,950**

## FAIRVIEW PARK



### MANDERSTON CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, an inner hallway, a downstairs wc, two good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and an adjacent double carport area that provides parking for two cars.

**£129,950**

## HURST HILL



### STRATHERN DRIVE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a superb fitted kitchen with open access to a spacious conservatory, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway that extends to the side of the property and a pleasant rear garden.

**£121,950**

## LOWER GORNAL



### WINSAR CROFT

A two bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises: Reception porch, lounge, a magnificent fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a reappointed bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden that backs on to woodland.

**£121,950**

## LOWER GORNAL



### TEMPLE STREET

A two bedroom mid terraced home which briefly comprises: Lounge, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, gas-fired central heating and a garden.

**£97,950**

## HURST HILL



### HOLLYWELL STREET

A one bedroom first floor flat that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a bedroom, a storage cupboard, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and communal gardens.

**£73,950**

## TO LET



### LOWER GORNAL

A unique opportunity to rent a beautiful three bedroomed detached house located in much envied location. The property briefly comprises of three bedrooms, shower room, large lounge, dining room and newly fitted kitchen with all appliances and downstairs wc. This lovely home has off road parking and a garage and an easily maintained back garden with shed. To view this property would be advisable.

**£750 pcm**

## TO LET



### DUDLEY

A superbly presented three bedroom detached home with substantial off road parking and pleasant gardens. Open plan kitchen with dining area, separate dining room and lounge. Master bedroom with en-suite and family bathroom. Viewing highly recommended.

**£725 pcm**

## TO LET



### PENN

This lovely three bedroomed semi-detached property is available to let in a quiet area of Penn in Wolverhampton. This fashionable accommodation boasts two well-decorated reception porches, an impressive hallway and a modern fitted kitchen with some appliances. The property also has a garage and a utility/storage area. On the first floor are two double bedrooms, a single bedroom and a modern white suited bathroom with shower. To the rear of the property is a garden. To appreciate this fine home, a viewing is recommended.

**£625 pcm**

## TO LET



### SEDGLEY

This lovely three bedroomed semi detached property is on the market in a popular part of Sedgley to let. This refurbished accommodation boasts a large lounge with bay windows, newly fitted kitchen, a utility area, which leads to easily maintained garden. To the first floor are three bedrooms and a modern white suited bathroom with shower. Viewing this property is recommended to avoid disappointment.

**£575 pcm**

## TO LET



### DUDLEY

A delightful, first floor one bedroom apartment, part furnished in a modern development close to all local amenities. Fully fitted kitchen with appliances and bathroom with a shower. Secured off road parking and communal gardens. Contemporary decor and well worthy of a viewing to appreciate its benefits.

**£450 pcm**

## TO LET



### DUDLEY

This lovely two bedroomed first floor apartment is available to let. This fashionable accommodation boasts a large lounge with French windows, fully fitted kitchen, a double bedroom, a single bedroom and a family bathroom. There is allocated parking and secure access. This apartment would suite a professional couple or single. Viewing recommended.

**£425 pcm**



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#### TOYOTA VERSO-S

ROAD 1

# Toyota courts 'empty nesters'

YOU are unlikely to see any 'Saga' drivers trying out their new Verso-S on the local race track – but that is not to say this new mini-MPV is unworthy of the Toyota badge.

Between 1999 and 2006 Toyota sold more than 150,000 of the Yaris Verso in Europe, but then dropped the model.

Since then the increasing number of affluent 'Saga' empty nesters wanting a car that offered high seating, easy entry and egress in a well-built, comfortable and reliable car have had to look elsewhere.

So the market has been filled by a number of other makes including the Honda Jazz, Nissan Note, Kia Venga and Hyundai ix20.

But now Toyota has bounced back into the market, and is even offering the Verso-S at a special introductory price for the next six months. The new model is based on the latest version of the Yaris, but is being built in Japan rather than France.

There are just two models to choose from, both with the same 1.3 litre 98PS petrol engine delivering only 125NM torque. So it is hardly going to win any acceleration races and needs all six ratios of its six speed manual gearbox, or if you prefer it, the automatic CVT-7 version, to make reasonable progress.

In the CVT version you can just put the car in Drive and let it choose its own ratios, although I did find this version noisier than the manual. Surprisingly, it is more economical than the manual version.

However another advantage of this version is that it is the only automatic MPV of this size to fall into the £30 a year tax bracket – the manual is £90 a year to tax.

The car offers five comfortable fully belted seats, split rear seats that fold with just one touch, a lipless rear sill with between 393 and 336 litre of load space (more than enough for the weekly shopping trip or weekend away).

There are two trim models to choose from – the TR and the T-Spirit. The T-Spirit has even more bootspace because



The Verso S is cheap to run, easy to drive and comfortable – but no diesels are on offer. It is well equipped in both forms and has bags of room for the shopping

instead of a space saver spare it has a tyre repair kit and that makes 429 litres of space. This is because the T-Spirit comes with a super glass panoramic roof that stretches from front to rear of the car. But it is heavier than a metal roof. So to compensate Toyota dropped the spare wheel. You can always buy the spare wheel as an extra and that will not increase the car tax.

#### Central locking

Both models are well equipped – all have height adjustable seats, adjustable steering wheel, lots of airbags, ABS with EBD and Brake Assist, reversing camera, electric front windows, six speaker RDS radio/CD/MP3 player, manual air conditioning, remote central locking and front fog lamps.

Panoramic The T-Spirit version gains alloy wheels, all-round electric windows, the panoramic roof and rear privacy glass.



There is also a touch screen Bluetooth information and entertainment system that doubles up for the reversing camera. And from May this year this can be boosted for £500 to become a full scale sat nav system. It will then have access to the Google local search system when used with a compatible smartphone.

Although there is a diesel version it will not be offered in the UK because Toyota GB argues that low mileage drivers will not find it cost effective to spend an extra £1,000-plus for the diesel engine. The diesel engine also does not like repeated short runs.

Toyota expects to sell around 30,000 a year in Europe and about 3,000 in the UK. Virtually all will go to retail customers, and it expects the majority of older drivers to plump for the CVT version.

Prices start from £14,645 for the TR manual, (reduced to £13,995 for six months) and £15,745 for the T-Spirit manual (reduced to £14,995) The CVT versions add £1,150. On the

road the car is easy to drive, ride quality and comfort are good and there are no squeaks or rattles.

In the standard TR version you get a lot of equipment that is not offered by the lower priced competitors, and also lower tax bands. The car also comes with the five year Toyota warranty. It is graded 8E for insurance

#### Fact file

Price: TR Manual: £14,645 (reduced to £13,995) T-Spirit, £15,745 (reduced to £14,995). CVT: add £1,150.

Length: 3,990mm.

Economy: Manual: 51.4 mpg, CVT: 54.3 (combined average)

Acceleration: 0-62mph, Manual 13.3 secs, CVT: 13.7 secs.

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DY60TYZ	Lancer 5dr	2.0 Di-D	Red	17	£13,995	£13,495	£500
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Alfa Romeo unveils its stunning budget supercar 4C concept at the Geneva Motor Show



The car can hit 60mph in five seconds and has a rear wheel drive layout

# The wow-factor car with classic formula



The 4C is compact sister to Alfa's 8C supercar and uses lightweight construction allied to a high-tech engine to boost performance

Alfa Romeo has wowed visitors to the 81st Geneva International Motor Show with its 'compact supercar' – the 4C Concept.

The vehicle represents the true essence of a sports car and blends high performance with Italian style and technical excellence.

The new concept presents the classic formula of the two-seater, rear-wheel drive coupé with its engine at the centre. Its length is around 4m and a wheelbase of less than 2.4m: dimensions which serve both to emphasise the compact size of the car and to accentuate its agility.

The interior features styling and devices which directly reflect the car's sporting spirit.

The Alfa Romeo 4C Concept nods towards the 8C Competizione supercar in terms of its technology and materials, with carbon and aluminium being allied to a rear-wheel drive layout.

It features the 1750 turbo petrol engine with direct injection already in use in the brand's range, the Alfa TCT twin dry clutch transmission and Alfa 'DNA' dynamic control selector.

Born from the experience acquired through the Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione and 8C Spider models, the new concept car shares its rear-wheel drive

with the exclusive supercars as well as its philosophy based on achieving maximum driving pleasure and the proverbial Alfa Romeo road handling.

This is an objective which the 8C Competizione and the 8C Spider pursue mainly through their increased power, while the Alfa Romeo 4C Concept follows the route of limited weight, made possible by extensive use of carbon, which also plays a structural role and guarantees exceptional agility with a weight/power ratio which is lower than 4 kg/hp.

The chassis supports a body crafted completely from carbon, inside which there is space for the driver and passenger, while the rear frame structure and the crash boxes use aluminium extensively.

The final result is a significant reduction in weight, limited to less than 850kg, as well as the optimisation of the vehicle's centre of gravity, which gives the advantage of increased agility and drivability on the most challenging roads.

Located centrally in the rear of the vehicle, the engine in the Alfa Romeo 4C Concept ensures performance which matches or exceeds that of a three-litre engine whilst still delivering the moderate fuel consumption which is typical of a compact, four-cylinder engine.

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The Kangoo Maxi Van ZE is one of seven new vehicles Renault will be unveiling at the CV Show

# Renault set to unveil seven vehicles at commercial show

**R**ENAULT will unveil no fewer than seven new vehicles at this year's Commercial Vehicle Show at the NEC in Birmingham, including the fully-electric Kangoo Van Zero Emission (ZE).

Following on from last year's record UK LCV sales, Renault will have one of the largest presences at this year's event, with a stand more than twice the size of last year's at 915m².

Taking pride of place in its 14-strong vehicle display, will be Renault's 100 per cent electric Kangoo Van ZE.

Unsurprisingly, against a backdrop of ever-increasing fuel prices, Renault is expecting the largest draw on its stand to be its new Kangoo, which aims to prove that

electric LCVs can be affordable to run, good to drive, as well as offer a more relaxed driving environment, due to its near silent operation.

The French brand's compact vans will be available from autumn this year in both two and five-seat versions.

Kangoo ZE vans are priced at £16,990 for the van, £17,990 (longer wheelbase two-seat Maxi) and £18,690 (five-seat Maxi) excluding VAT, plus £59 monthly battery lease over four years/9,000 miles per year.

## Limelight

Sharing the limelight with their sibling, and emphasising the growth of Renault's fully renewed LCV range ahead of their UK launches in the second quarter of 2011, will be several new additions to the Master range. Four factory-built products – Box

Van, Dropside, Tipper and 17-seat minibus, plus two locally converted products – Luton Van and Curtainside.

Fleet and commercial vehicle operations director, Darren Payne, said: "We've made no bones about our ambitious plans to increase our share of the UK conversions market to eight per cent in the months ahead."

"Our wealth of new models on show underlines that message, and I'm equally pleased to be showing Kangoo Van ZE, the first affordable factory-built electric van in the UK."

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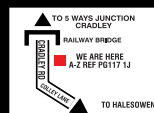
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# Big victory as DK tune up for crucial title meeting



Gareth Davies makes a break



James Parkes lays the ball back during Dudley Kingswinford's big victory. Pictures: Peter Stinton

**DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD** warmed up for their title clash against Sutton Coldfield with a resounding win at Nuneaton Old Edwardians.

First plays second at Heathbrook this Saturday in a game which could decide the destiny of the Midlands One West crown – and DK prepared in style with 12 tries in a 78-14 victory.

The visitors opened the scoring after just five minutes when Tui Asi-Pito sprinted 50 metres and sent in Gareth Bown on the

**Nuneaton Old Edwardians 14  
Dudley Kingswinford 78**

overlap for a fine try, converted by Bown. Nuneaton hit the post with a penalty before DK extended their lead to 14-0 thanks to Simon Fletcher's try.

Stefan Shillingford set up Matt Farrington for an unconverted score and DK gained a bonus point soon after when a sublime Jon Higgins pass enabled Bown to notch his second try of the afternoon.

Fletcher joined Bown on the two-try mark for a 31-0 lead before DK's sixth try arrived after just 31 minutes through Shillingford,

who polished off a blistering attack. The battered hosts earned some respectability with a 50-metre individual effort from winger Carl Hutchings, before DK's Shaun Griffiths was forced to leave the field with a broken finger.

Recent signing Jon Tideswell's converted try gave DK a 45-7 lead at the break, which was added to immediately after the restart by Farrington's 30-metre dash to the corner, again converted by Bown.

Hutchings pulled another score back for Nuneaton before Shillingford scored his second try of the game from Tom Weaver's pass.

Farrington completed a hat trick soon after with DK's 10th try, set up by Asi-Pito and then substitute prop James Parkes scored a debut try when being driven over by a five-metre scrum.

There was still time for one more score in the final minute when quick-thinking by Ben Connatt teed up Gareth Davies for a converted try.

This weekend's game with Sutton Coldfield kicks off at 3pm.

DK now top the table with 22 wins and 106 points from 22 matches, followed by Sutton Coldfield on 20 wins and 96 points from 21 matches, in a 26-game season.

## Missed kick aids Saxons' push for win

**Stourbridge Saxons 21 Otley 19**

A LAST-GASP missed conversion was enough to help Stourbridge bank four points from their National One contest with relegation-threatened Otley.

The Saxons scored three fine tries but never quite hit the attacking heights reached during their defeat at Redruth a week earlier.

However, the overall outcome was a better one and as the golfing adage states: "It is less about how, and more about how many."

Director of rugby Neil Mitchell will also have relished the efforts of first-time half-back partners Sam Robinson and Peter White, writes **Paul Smith**.

Diminutive scrum-half White varied his game superbly, while newly-returned Robinson's ability to play-make 'in traffic' on the sideline brings an exciting new dimension.

After winger Jamie Hearn kicked the home side into a third-minute lead with a wind-assisted 45 metre penalty, Georgiou equalised with a routine kick when Stour's front row were penalised in the tight.

### Interval

A second Hearn penalty extended Stourbridge's lead, before home back rower Rupert Cooper forced his way over from close range for the game's first try.

Although Georgiou's second penalty soon narrowed the interval gap to five points, the home side extended their advantage direct from the start of the second period.

Matt Thomas drove the kick-off return 20 metres before quick hands released Hearn. The winger linked with Greg King, whose pass sent Charlie Hayter speeding to the corner for his ninth try of the season. Otley dominated



Lively scrum-half Peter White

territory and possession for the next half-hour, forcing Cooper to infringe on the ground in front of his own posts. This earned the number eight his fourth yellow card of the campaign, and gave Georgiou three simple points.

Otley also took full advantage of the ensuing power-play to force a well-constructed try as flanker Richard Beck, squeezed in at the corner.

Ashley Smith added a third Stourbridge try five minutes from time, when Robinson's accurate cross-kick left him with the simplest of touch-downs.

However, Otley refused to admit defeat and a late score from winger Curtis Wilson, following an excellent Joe Barker cut-out pass, left Georgiou with a difficult – and ultimately unsuccessful – chance to snatch a draw.

## Bowlers sweep to comfortable victory

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John Siviter, Brian Brett and George Powell had a 7-2 triples win but although Gilt Edge took the other triples 9-7 OLOL won both fours. Margaret Powell, Pam Rogers, Ralph Hill and May Raven won 5-3 while Ralph Hill, Pam Rogers, Brian Brett and George Powell prevailed 7-2.

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# sport

## THREE ON TROT FOR THE ROBINS

Dudley Town 2 Darlaston Town 1

REJUVENATED Dudley Town made it five wins from their last seven games as their impressive form under Neil Perks continued.

Victory over a stubborn Darlaston Town side was also Dudley's third on the bounce, the first time they'd achieved the feat since mid-August.

Perks was able to call upon Ben Stretton and there was a place on the bench for Conor Gater, a recent signing from Halesowen Town.

The hosts came racing out of the traps and Alex Perry went close when a neatly worked move tested keeper Danny Flewell, writes **Chris Davis**.

Dreniz Bala, Dudley's four-goal hero from a 4-1 win over Goodrich three days earlier, continued to create havoc. He thought he had given his side a 15th-minute lead only to see the ball cleared off the line by Danny Martin.

Darlaston did put some pressure on the Dudley goal, but the ever improving Matt Rodgers was equal to anything that the visitors' dangerous front pairing of Ashley Francis and Edwin Ekenorh could throw at him.

## Not too super, but the Yeltz battle to draw

HARD-WORKING Halesowen cast aside their off-field uncertainties to earn a gutsy late point against Swindon Supermarine.

However with relegation rivals Didcot and Weymouth picking up victories, the result left the Yeltz stuck at the bottom of the table and five points from safety, writes **David Johnson**.

Halesowen dominated the first period and were thwarted on at least four occasions with Swindon, who reached the FA Cup second round before Christmas, offering little in return.

Visiting goalkeeper Jamie Rae blocked a Jemiah Richards shot with his legs in the 12th minute and Justin Nisbett blasted the rebound over the bar.

Yeltz captain Michael McGrath led his team well all afternoon and was unlucky to see Rae grab his low drive from 25 yards at the second attempt.

The Yeltz went closer still in the 32nd minute when Andre Hinds lobbed towards goal and Rae back-pedalled to claw away under his crossbar.

Nisbett then played the ball back across goal for McGrath to place a shot, only for Rae to

**Halesowen Town 1 Swindon Supermarine 1**

make another splendid save with his legs.

The start of the second half proved to be a different story with The Marine looking lively.

Bryant drove just wide in the 48th minute and Jack Hopper side-footed a 25-yard effort against the crossbar with goalkeeper Connor Beaton.

Swindon went ahead on the hour when Nick Stanley unleashed an unstoppable drive from 22 yards.

A long delay when defender Jon Beeden was stretchered off knocked the visitors off their stride and it was Halesowen who finished the game in the ascendancy, forcing an equaliser three minutes from time.

Nisbett played the ball into the penalty area for Hinds to control it and smash home.

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## Rocket Ronnie in saddle to face Heathens

THE HEATHENS are to face one of their most implacable speedway opponents – Wolves legend Ronnie Correy.

"Rocket Ronnie", now 44, is a veteran of many a titanic struggle against the Cradley Heathens.

And with the revived Dudley Heathens opening their 2011 season at Monmore Green against the USA Tourists side on April 12,

the former world pairs champion could not resist the chance to put one over on the old enemy.

USA tour chief Steve Evans, a dyed in the wool Wolves fan who now lives in California, said: "I asked Ronnie almost tongue in cheek if he was interested in having a skid."

"I emailed him the dates and he came back and said he would ride

in our meeting at Rye House and he would love to face the Heathens at Monmore Green.

"He will add some powerful strength to the team and I guess one last crack at beating the Heathens is something Ronnie just couldn't resist."

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said: "I was shocked when I heard this news, but it's

going to be great to see Ronnie in action.

"As a Cradley fan you would always worry when Correy and Sam Ermolenko combined against you; he was a terrific rider and I know he has kept in shape since he retired."

"Ronnie was quite popular amongst Cradley fans, which is so unusual for a Wolves rider!"

## Six-shooter is outgunned



Crunch: Stourbridge's Aaron Drake challenges Weymouth keeper Nick Jordan. Picture: Tony Marsh

## Rowe nets yet again, but Stourbridge are beaten

**Weymouth 3 Stourbridge 2**

RYAN ROWE scored for the sixth successive match – but the stoppage time goal from the Stourbridge striker merely gave the scoreline a more respectable look.

The Glassboys were outplayed by the relegation-threatened hosts for long spells and this result leaves a Zamaretto Premier play-off spot looking a long way off.

The home side were quicker out of the blocks and grabbed the lead with just five minutes played.

Lewis Tasker played the ball forward down the left for Warren Byerley and he pulled back a low cross from close to the byline for Jamie Mudge to shoot across Stourbridge keeper Lewis Solly.

The Dorset side continued to press without further joy before Drew Canavan struck a speculative long range snap-shot wide of Nick Jordan's right-hand post for the Glassboys in the 15th minute. Two minutes later the visitors

drew level with a somewhat bizarre goal against the run of play. Solly struck a deep free-kick into the Weymouth area where Nathan Bennett rose to get in a looping header that drifted across the six-yard box, just evading the onrushing Linden Dovey and his marker Ed Palmer before bouncing off the post and ricocheting off Palmer.

### Blocked

The ball was adjudged to have crossed the line before Jordan gathered it in his hands and Bennett was credited with the goal.

The hosts hit back on 19 minutes with Byerley working an opening inside the box before seeing his low drive blocked by the legs of Solly. In the 27th minute Byerley received a diagonal ball who laid off a short pass to Mudge

whose low shot from the right-hand side of the box went narrowly wide.

After an error-strewn start, Stourbridge tried to rally and in the 32nd minute Leon Broadhurst delivered a teasing cross in from the left and Jordan dived bravely at the feet of Aaron Drake to push the ball to safety.

But Weymouth remained on top after the re-start and just two minutes into the second period Ryan Mahon was in the right place to head off the line after Mudge had clipped in a cross-cum-shot from the right that beat Solly.

The Glassboys went close when Drake's shot drew a flying reaction save from Jordan before the follow-up effort from Canavan was blocked.

But on 69 minutes Matt Groves' cross to the far post was headed in by an unmarked Byerley and with 10 minutes left Groves headed home at the far post. Rowe's goal was little consolation.

## Brace from Green helps lift Gornal to third spot

**Gornal 4 Bloxwich 1**

GORNAL ATHLETIC moved into third place in the West Midlands (Regional) Premier League with an excellence win over Bloxwich.

A goalless first half saw both sides scrapping for possession with the best early chances falling to the home side.

First Dave Meese fashioned a goalscoring opportunity for himself on 19 minutes which was well saved by Bloxwich keeper Tony Simkiss. Two minutes later Chris Waterhouse connected with a Lee Wherton cross and hit the post.

The second half burst into life thanks to three goals in just four minutes from the home side as Gornal dominated possession and chances.

First, excellent work by Marvin Nesbitt and Cameron Morgan helped set up Kristian Green to open the scoring on 40 minutes.

A minute later, Cameron Morgan – an early replacement for Calum Martin – took advantage of hesitation by Tony Simkiss to squeeze the ball home from a tight angle.

With Bloxwich reeling, Green grabbed the third goal after another mistake by the unfortunate Simkiss.

### Slalom

As Gornal piled on the pressure, a slalom-like run by Nesbitt saw him beat three men before Simkiss redeemed himself with an excellent save.

But Nesbitt did make it four on 73 minutes when a Lee Wherton corner reached veteran Pete Wood whose effort fell to the pacy striker to crash home.

Dave Meese almost made it five when he picked up the ball on the halfway line, beat two Bloxwich players and shot narrowly wide from 30 yards.

Bloxwich grabbed a consolation goal on 88 minutes when Martin Lewis' shot deflected in off a Gornal defender.

Yet deep into injury time the four-goal margin might have been renewed but for another goal save by Simkiss from a Chris Waterhouse header following a corner sent over by Richard Young.

## Tipton earning Spurs with win

TIPTON SPURS moved into the title race in the Brierley Hill six a side Premier League by beating Young Guns 5-1.

Green Machine stay top.

Pink Gunners were the stars of the show in Division One and need only a point to seal the title after thumping Clinically Insane 6-0.

A new season starts in the Brierley Hill league later this month with organisers looking to recruit teams.

The long running league, which takes place at Thorne Leisure Centre on Mondays, is looking to expand in time for the big kick off.

Winners and runners-up in each division will be invited to the National six a side football tournament in which Leisure Leagues is a partner.

### Wooden

There are trophies for the top two – and a stylish wooden spoon for the losers.

All matches are refereed by qualified officials, all equipment is provided and all profits are donated to Cancer Research, Dogs Trust and the National Blind Children's Society.

Leisure Leagues offers a full colour match programme to each team and has recently upgraded its website with interactive features.

Anyone who wants to join the league in Brierley Hill can do so by ringing 0845 230 2340, logging on to [www.leisureleagues.net](http://www.leisureleagues.net) or emailing [info@leisureleagues.net](mailto:info@leisureleagues.net)

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